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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

January 31, 2003

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. Stat.Report/99-2000/33A/453(6) dated 9.12.2002 regarding Status Report of the Commission for the period 1.11.2002 to 30.11.2002.

Our response to the paragraphs pertaining to this Ministry in the said Status Report is as under.

Para 3 : In this connection, our letter of even number dated 5.12.2002 refers.

Para 4(a) : Our letter of even number dated 1.1.2003 refers.

Para 4(b)(ii) : Our letters of even number dated 19.4.02 and 15.5.02 refer.

Para 4(d) : We have sent our response vide letter of even number dated 5.12.02

Para 11(a) : Our letter of even number, dated 5.12.02 refers.

Para 12 : We are in the process of receiving the desired information about the archives from our concerned Missions abroad. Information will be sent at the soonest possible.

Para 13 : We have made a reference to our Mission in Washington on this issue. Their response is awaited.

Para 15 : This has been replied to vide our letter of even number dated 1.1.2003.

Para 16 : As the Commission is aware, the matter has been taken up once again with the Government of the U.K. Their response is awaited.

Para 19 : As regards the proposal for visit of the Commission to USA, U.K. and Germany, it is felt that the Commission is in the best position to decide upon the utility of such visits. However, if the Commission desires any assistance in this regard, this Ministry will extend the same.

Para 24 : The matter has been taken up with our Embassy in Tokyo. Their response will be communicated to the Commission as soon as available.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

January 31, 2003

Dear Sir,

Please refer to my fax of 22.8.02 regarding address of National Archives of USA and Records Administration, Maryland. The desired information is awaited.

8. no. 211/c

The Justice Mukherjee Commission has now sought information on the following :

- Communication between McArthur and Mountbatten relating to Netaji;
- US Naval intelligence report regarding Netaji's activities from 17th to 25th August, 1945;
- Communication from General McArthur to the US President Truman from 17th to 31st August, 1945;
- Documents in Princeton University, especially Louis Fischer's communication to Mahatma Gandhi, Khurshed Naoroji, the then US President, the Prime Minister of the U.K. in regard to Netaji and India's independence and the response thereto;
- Elliot Erikson's article of February, 1954 published in National Republic, a monthly magazine of Fundamental Americanism;
- CIA documents of 1946 indicating that there was no information of Netaji's alleged death and documents of 1964 expressing concern from the possible return of Netaji and its impact on the Nehru Government.

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Army Intelligence Report available
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I would be grateful if you could check with the concerned authorities as to the existence and also the location of the said documents, and the possibility of procuring the same for the reference of the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Alok Prasad
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
Washington

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विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

January 31, 2003

Dear

Vikas,

Smt 200/c

Please refer to your endorsement No. LON/POL/103/17/2000 dated 27.11.2002 regarding release of classified documents for the examination of the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

I would be grateful to be informed of any developments in the case. This is required to be communicated to the Commission.

Regards

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Vikas Swarup
Counsellor(Pol)
High Commission of India
London

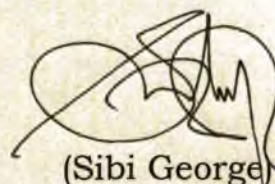
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(East Asia Division)

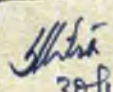
The undersigned is directed to forward a copy of letter No.TOK/102/02/03 dated 29 January 2003 from our Ambassador in Tokyo addressed to Mrs. Krishna Bose, M.P. & Chairperson of Standing Committee on External Affairs, copy endorsed to Foreign Secretary. This letter is in reply to letter by Mrs. Bose dated 23 January 2003 addressed to Ambassador Aftab Seth regarding Netaji's mortal remains in Renkoji Temple in Japan.


(Sibi George)
Deputy Secretary (JK)
30 January 2003

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No. Tok/102/02/03

January 29, 2003

Thank you for your letter regarding Netaji's mortal remains which lie in the Renkoji Temple.

2. I entirely agree with you that the fullest respect and honour must be paid at all times to the mortal remains of Netaji.

3. I am sorry to learn about the problems Reverend Mochizuki has experienced in his dealings with our officials, who visited the temple on the instructions of the Justice Mukherjee Commission to convey requests received from the Commission.

4. I am leaving for India tomorrow morning on an official visit but shall personally call on Rev. Mochizuki on my return to Japan and offer my apologies for any unintentional offence that may have been given by my officials. I have met Rev. Mochizuki on several earlier occasions and he has always received me with the utmost courtesy.

5. I also wish to assure you that, as has been the practice in the past, in any further dealings with the Renkoji Temple, the fullest regard will be paid to the sentiments and wishes expressed by you. We will ensure that neither the Temple priests, who have so lovingly cared for Netaji's mortal remains, nor the members of the family should have any cause for complaint.

With warm regards and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-

(Aftab Seth)

Mrs. Krishna Bose, M.P.
Chairperson
Standing Committee on External Affairs
111, Parliament House Annexe
New Delhi 110 001

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✓ Copy to : Shri Kanwal Sibal, Foreign Secretary, MEA, New Delhi

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(Aftab Seth)



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Ambassador of India
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No.MSK/102/1/2003

Dated: 15 January 2003

Shri Vijay

This has reference to your letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 30 October and 27 November 2002 requesting for list of archives in Belarus and Lithuania. All requests for service from the listed archives must be specific and all service rendered are charged.

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need.
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The list, as requested is enclosed. This may kindly be forwarded to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Regards

[Signature]
24.1.2003

US(NGO)

Yours sincerely

[Signature]
B.R. Muthu Kumar

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary [CNV]
Ministry of External Affairs
NEW DELHI 110 011

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/503 (7)

Kolkata, dated, 13.01.2003.

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Dy No. 273 JS (CNV) P3
Dated: 21 11 03

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

JS (CNV)
21/1/03

Sub : Status Report from 01.12.2002
to 31.12.2002.

Ref : Your Office Letter No.I/12014/
I/2000-IS(D.III) dt.07.02.2000.

US (N207)

S i r,

I am directed to forward herewith a 'Status
Report' of the Secretary of Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry, for necessary action at your
end.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above.

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For Inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of
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STATUS REPORT

(From 01.12.2002 to 31.12.2002)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the earlier Status Report forwarded under Commission's Registered letter No. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/453(6) dated December 9/11, 2002 to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of External Affairs, and Cabinet Secretariat.
2. The Commission has been persistently asking the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, for their affidavit on existence/non-existence/availability/non-availability, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of the I.N.A. personnel which is yet to be received.
3. Xerox copies of Prime Minister Office's letter No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated 11.07.2002 and the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/132 dated 21.06.2002 were sent to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/315 dated 06.09.2002 wherein he was requested to kindly send immediately a true copy of the entire note dated 30.09.1993 of Snri A.K. Sinha, Under Secretary, A.P. submitted to J.S., A.P. which is available in the Ministry of External Affairs, as stated in the aforesaid letter dated 11.07.2002 of the Prime Minister's Office. The documents called for is yet to be located by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and sent by them to the Commission.

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4. With Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/372 dated October 10, 2002 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, xerox copies of Prime Minister Office's letter No.915/11/C/2/2002-Pol. dated 3rd/5th September, 2002 addressed to the Commission, P.M.O.'s U.O. No.PMS-307 dated 05.01.1974 sent to Shri T.C.A. Nivasavardan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and d.o. letter No.24/27/71-Pol.II(D.III) dated May 3/4, 1974 of the Home Minister addressed to Samar Guha, M.P. were enclosed and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to kindly furnish to the Commission immediately the details of documents which could be secured by the Government of India and supplied to the Khosla Commission as also the particulars of the documents which could not be secured by them because of their non-availability along with authenticated xerox copies of different affidavits of the Ministry of Home Affairs filed before the Khosla Commission in the matter and of the reply given by the Home Minister in the Lok Sabha on 27th March, 1974 as stated in the aforesaid d.o. letter dated 3/4 May, 1974 of the Home Minister addressed to Shri Samar Guha, M.P. He was further requested to kindly send immediately an authenticated xerox copy of the reply, if any, given by the Ministry of Home Affairs to Shri Samar Guha as requested in para 4 of the aforesaid P.M.O.'s U.O. Note No.PMS-307 dated 05.01.1974. The reports/particulars/documents as called for from the Ministry of Home Affairs are still awaited.
5. The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(III)/188 dated July 12, 2002 to furnish the Commission immediately with the documents mentioned against four Com. Nos., viz., com. 11, 30(R)(2), 30(S)(2), and 30(V)(I), since those documents do not appear to have been submitted to the Commission as yet which is supposed to be done by the Prime Minister's Office as mentioned in the

3rd para of the d.o. letter No.IV/8(66)/2001-2184 dated 12.12.2001 of Shri Sanjoy Sinha, Joint Director, IB, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, a xerox copy of which has been enclosed with the aforesaid letter dated 12.07.2002 of the Commission. The documents called for are still awaited.

6. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(III)/121 dated June 14, 2002 to send immediately authenticated true copies of the papers/documents concerning Sl. Nos. (ii),(iii),(iv),(v), and (vi) of para 1 of the letter No.281/12/1/2000-TS dated September 19, 2001 of the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, addressed to the Commission which indicates that those papers/documents have been sent to the M.H.A. by the Cabinet Sectt. A copy of the said letter of the Cabinet Sectt. has been enclosed with the Commission's aforesaid letter dated June 14, 2002. The said records are still awaited.
7. Shri Sanjoy Sinha, Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, (M.H.A.), Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(III)/99 dated May 29, 2002 to offer his comments on the averments of Shri Sunil Gupta in his affidavit dated May 8, 2002 which is a rejoinder to the affidavit dated 11.12.2001 of Shri Sanjoy Sinha. A copy of the affidavit of Shri Gupta has been enclosed with the aforesaid letter dated May 29, 2002 of the Commission. The matter was again referred to the said Joint Director by Commission's Registered letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/384 dated October 22, 2002. The reply is still awaited.
8. Under Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/236(3) dated August 1, 2002, the Secretaries, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Home Affairs,

and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, have been furnished with xerox copies of the d.o. letter dated January 3, 1974 of Shri Samar Guha, M.P. addressed to Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India and of the reply thereto dated January 9, 1974 given by Smt. Indira Gandhi to Shri Samar Guha and they have been requested to kindly send immediately to the Commission authenticated true copies of all the documents, copies of which were lying in P.M.O.'s File No.12(226)/56-PM since destroyed, as also authenticated true copies of all those files which contain the said documents, the copies of which were lying in the said destroyed file as stated by the then Prime Minister in her aforesaid d.o. letter dated January 9, 1974. The Ministry of External Affairs has stated in reply that "the documents in the letter (i.e. Commission's letter dated August 1, 2002) referred to above of the Commission belong to files of the Prime Minister's Office and, therefore, any reply in the matter can be given only by Prime Minister's Office." The said documents are yet to be received.

9. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's registered confidential letter No.JMCI/Records/2000-01/37(II)/533 dated January 28, 2002 to let the Commission know what was the outcome of the action, if any, taken on U.O. No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. dated September 21, 1990 of the Prime Minister's Office addressed to Shri Naresh Chandra, the then Home Secretary, Government of India, wherewith a copy of the letter dated September 13, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India and of the enclosure thereto which is a xerox copy of the news titled, "Fresh Clue on Netaji's Death" published in the 'Times of India' (New Delhi) dated September 3, 1990 were sent to the Home Secretary, Government of India, for appropriate action. It has also been stated in the said letter dated 28.01.2002 of the Commission that the said letter dated September 13, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose with its enclosure and the said

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U.O. Note dated September 21, 1990 of the Prime Minister's Office are available in File No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office, on the subject, "Netaji Subhas Bose - Bringing in the ashes of". A self-contained reminder has been sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs by Registered Post vide Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/195 dated July 22, 2002. The reply of the Ministry is still awaited.

10. The attention of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was drawn by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/316 dated 06.09.2002 to the Ministry of Home Affairs U.O. No.VI/11034/61/2002-IS(D.III) dated 19.07.2002 endorsed to the Joint Secretary (Co-ordination), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, wherewith a copy of this Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/113 dated 21.06.02 was forwarded and the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, was requested to kindly furnish copies of the affidavit-in-opposition filed and the Judgment Order dated 04.03.1987 delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargava of Rajasthan High Court as referred to in them. The Ministry of External Affairs with their letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated October 25, 2002 has sent to the Commission a copy of their U.O. No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 26.07.2002 endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs wherefrom it appears that the Ministry of External Affairs has referred back the matter to the Ministry of Home Affairs. A copy of the said Judgment Order has since been received but no copy of the affidavit-in-opposition referred to above has yet been received.
- 11.(a) By Commission's registered letter No.310 dt. 06.09.2002, the attention of the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs Government of India was drawn to Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/201 dated 27.07.2002 and he was requested to report to the Commission immediately the details of action taken on the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P., Lok Sabha, addressed to the then President of India and the outcome thereof.

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The said letter of Shri Sondhi was sent by the Prime Minister's Office to the Ministry of Home Affairs under the former's U.O. No.2(64)/56-70-PM dated October 22, 1970 for such action as was considered appropriate. A copy of the said letter dated 15.10.1970 was also enclosed with the Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/608(2) dated March 14, 2002 sent earlier to the Ministry of Home Affairs in the matter. The report called for from the M.H.A. is still being awaited.

(b) By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/226(2) dated July 30, 2002 the reports were called for from the Ministry of External Affairs and the Prime Minister's Office regarding the action taken by them on the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P., Lok Sabha, addressed to the then President of India as mentioned in para 11(a) hereinbefore. In reply, the Prime Minister's Office has requested the Commission by their letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated August 27, 2002 to approach the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter. The report called for has not been received from the Ministry of External Affairs and also from the Ministry of Home Affairs as already stated in para 11(a) J.

12. By d.o. letter No.JMCI/Records/99-2000/37(III)/359 dated October 3, 2002 of the Secretary of the Commission addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, the attention of the latter was drawn to a special message from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose of the Provincial Government of Azad Hind (Singapore) broadcast on 31.42 Metres in 2115-25 hrs. daily "commentry in English" on August 18, 1945 which appears to have been monitored by the monitoring service of All India Radio, Simla, and presented to the National Archives of India by the Publication Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. A copy of the said message has been enclosed with the said d.o. letter dated October 3, 2002 for ~~ready~~ ready reference. The Secretary of the

Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was requested to throw some light on the points whether the message was live and a direct broadcast or whether the broadcast was of a pre-recorded message/speech of Netaji. The response of the said Ministry in the matter is still awaited.

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13. By Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Study(PMO)- Follow Up/2002-2003/84/257 dated August 14, 2002, read with its registered letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/348 dated 27.09.02, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to kindly send immediately a complete list of the names and addresses of all the Archives in Russia as also in other States which previously belonged to erstwhile USSR. We have received a list of 9 (nine) archives in Russia from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with their d.o. letter No.24/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated October 21, 2002 but the complete list as called for is still awaited.
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Replied
14. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs was requested by Commission's registered letters dated August 1, 2002 and dated 27.09.2002 to kindly provide the Commission with the particulars of the US documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose pertaining to the period from August, 1945 onwards, if any, which are available in the National Archives of the U.S.A. and Records Administration, Maryland, U.S.A. as also in other archives of the U.S.A. including Mac Arthy Archives, the Archives of the Princeton University, Hoover Institution, Stanford, U.S.A. etc. The response is still awaited.
15. The letter No.281/12/1/2000-TS dated November 13, 2002 of the Director, Cabinet Sectt., Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, which is in reply to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/374 dated October 10, 2002 addressed to the Secretary, Cabinet Sectt., Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, does not contain the information about the Departments/Ministry/Office, out of which the Cabinet

Sectt. was formed or about the Department/Ministry/Office of the Government of India which used to look after the works now being looked after by the Cabinet Sectt., Rashtrapati Bhavan and the Cabinet Sectt., Bikaner House Annexe, New Delhi, as called for. The said information is still awaited from the Cabinet Sectt., Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

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Replied
16. By Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/235 dated August 1, 2002 the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to report to the Commission immediately what action was taken on the P.M.O.'s endorsement No. 870/11/P/10/93-Pol. dated 08.04.93 to the Home Secretary, New Delhi, wherewith copies of the letter dated March 22, 1993 of Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the then President of India, along with a copy of the letter dated March 13, 1993, jointly authored by Shri Triguna Sen, Shri Amiya Kumar Mazumder, and Shri Aurobinda Nath Bose, some of the distinguished citizens of Calcutta, addressed to the President of India, were forwarded to the Home Secretary, New Delhi, for appropriate action, as also to report what was the outcome of the said action. The Ministry of Home Affairs have stated inter alia in their letter No. I/12014/13/2000-IS(V) dated 24.10.2002 received by the Commission on 30.10.2002 that the matter was referred to the Ministry of External Affairs for appropriate action. No report has yet been received in the matter from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

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Action taken
17. To expedite the matters, the Hon'ble Chairman went to Delhi on 28.10.2002 and met the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India. He requested the Hon'ble Minister to persuade the Government of the U.K. to declassify all relevant classified British documents and to take all steps in terms of the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 26.09.2001 of the then Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs. Apropos the said discussion, the Commission's letter No. 398 dated 11.11.2002 was sent by Speed Post to the Ministry of

External Affairs, Government of India, with the request to take appropriate action in the matter. The Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter dated 13.11.2002 addressed to the Hon'ble Chairman has stated inter alia : ".....since the Commission feels that these papers (i.e. classified British records on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) could be of vital importance with reference to its mandate, we have again taken up the issue of their release with the British Government and would keep you informed of the outcome in this regard.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure of all possible assistance from our side to facilitate the inquiry of the Commission."

Further development in the matter is awaited.

18. Notwithstanding the statement made by Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, in the Lok Sabha on 28.08.1978 regarding the availability of "further contemporary official documentary records", no such records could be located by the Prime Minister's Office, the Cabinet Sectt., and the Ministry of External Affairs, as reported by them. The said reports would be considered by the Hon'ble Chairman at the appropriate stage to express his views thereon. The report called for in the matter from the Ministry of Home Affairs by Commission's Registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/177 dated 29.06.2001 has not yet been received inspite of several reminders.

19. On being requested by the Commission, the Indian Embassy in Japan has agreed on December 27, 2002 to solicit the services of an expert to re-examine the bones allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose kept in Renkoji temple "to seek his opinion on whether any material exists from which D.N.A. may be isolated for the purpose of a D.N.A. test." Further development in the matter is awaited.

Letter recd. from
SFI, Tokyo on
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20. Shri Nandalal Chakraborty, one of the deponents of the affidavit No.JMCI/11, in his letter dated 01.11.2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, has requested the Commission to visit the USA, the UK, and Germany for reasons mentioned therein. A copy of the said letter has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in continuation of the Commission's letter No.398 dated 11.11.2002 as referred to para 17 hereinbefore, with the request to act accordingly. The reply of the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter is awaited.

21. Some handwritings allegedly of 'Gumnami Baba' were made over to the Government Examiner of Questioned Documents, Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Simla, on 02.09.2002 along with some admitted specimens of the handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for examination of the said questioned handwritings by comparing with the said admitted specimens of handwritings. The sealed report of the said Government Examiner has been collected and brought to the office of the Commission on 25.11.2002. The aforesaid two sets of handwritings have been made over to another competent handwriting expert in the last week of December, 2002. It need be pointed out in this connection that it may take considerable time to get the aforesaid two sets of handwritings examined by the said second expert and thereafter by the third expert.

22. Shri Subrata Bose, a nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has stated before the Commission at the time of its hearing on 02.12.2002 that he would try to impress upon some of the descendents in the paternal and maternal lineage of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose to donate blood. Shri Nirupam Som, who earlier questioned the efficacy of the proposed D.N.A. test, has stated inter alia in his letter dated 05.12.2002 to the Secretary of the Commission : "I see no reason to deviate from the stand taken by me in my earlier letter to you. I am also sure that Shri Subrata Bose is aware of the points raised in the same. Hence, since this important matter of blood donation is being

delayed, I hereby express my willingness to donate blood for the D.N.A. test provided Shri Subrata Bose has also given concurrence and has donated the same." Shri Sadhan Kar in his letter dated 26.12.2002 received by the Commission on 06.01.03 has expressed his willingness to cooperate with the Commission for the proposed D.N.A. test. The Commission by its Registered letter No.495 dated December 31, 2002 has requested Shri Dwarka Nath Bose, son of Netaji's elder brother Late Sunil Chandra Bose to convey in writing his willingness to donate his blood sample of one ml. for the purpose of the proposed D.N.A. test. The Commission is still making efforts to collect the names and addresses of other eligible donors, if any, of Netaji's family.

23. Necessary steps have been taken for the hearing of the Commission scheduled to be held on January 9, 2003 in Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata on the contents of the paragraph 7(a) of the Status Report as on 28.11.2002 (copy enclosed).
24. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by the Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/CPDC/2000/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original Register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.05.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original Death Certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose or Chandra Bose and the original Death Certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura, since the Commission is essentially required to have an access to those documents in view of the facts and circumstances stated in the aforesaid letter dated November 27, 2002

Action Taken
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of the Commission. A copy of the said letter along with copies of the enclosures thereto has also been sent to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on November 27, 2002 by Registered Post. Their response is awaited.

P. K. Sengupta
13/1/07
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Status Report as on 28.11.2002 showing action taken on/compliance with orders/directions including those contained in the proceedings dated 10.06.2002 read with the proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, 21.12.2000, 17.01.2001, 04.04.2001, 13.06.2001, 17.10.2001, 20.12.2001 & 22.03.2002 of the Commission.

1. Xerox copies of the Commission's Status Report as on 06.06.2002 and of the proceedings dated June 10, 2002 and July 16, 2002 were sent to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence, as also to the Director General, National Archives of India, and the Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, under Commission's registered letter no. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow up)/ 99-2000/48 (IV)/237 (7) dated 01.08.2002 for their information and taking necessary action at their end. The Commission's Status Report from 01.10.2002 to 31.10.2002 was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs on 11.11.2002 by Registered Post for necessary action at their end.
2. The Commission has been persistently asking the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, for their affidavit on existence/non-existence/availability/non-availability, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of the INA personnel.
3. No counter-affidavit or affidavit-in-opposition was filed by Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence and Intelligence Bureau, Govt of India in respect of averments/contentions/allegations contained in the affidavits/supplementary affidavits of different deponents in spite of repeated reminders. Hence, they have been intimated by registered letter no 300 dated September 03, 2002 that because of the said default of the said Ministries/Departments/Offices of the Government of India, the Commission presumed that the formers did not want to file any counter-affidavits or affidavits-in-opposition as they had nothing with them to enable them to say anything contrary to or rebut on oath the averments and contentions contained in the aforesaid affidavits.
4. Xerox copies/authenticated copies of various files of the Government of India as received from time to time are being scrutinized and further references are being made to the Government of India to elicit further information/documents in appropriate cases.
5. To expedite the matters, the Hon'ble Chairman went to Delhi on 28.10.2002 and met the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India. He requested the Hon'ble Minister to persuade the Government of the U.K. to declassify all relevant classified British documents and to take all steps in terms of the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 26.09.2001 of the then Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs. Apropos the said discussion, the Commission's letter No 398 dated 11.11.2002 was sent by Speed Post to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with the request to take appropriate action in the matter. The Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter dated 13.11.2002 addressed to the Hon'ble chairman has stated inter alia : "..... since the Commission feels that these papers (i.e. classified British records on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) could be of vital importance with reference to its mandate, we have again

taken up the issue of their release with the British Government and would keep you informed of the outcome in this regard.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure of all possible assistance from our side to facilitate the inquiry of the Commission."

Further development in the matter is awaited.

6. Notwithstanding the statement made by the then Prime Minister in the Lok Sabha on 28.08.1978 regarding availability of "further contemporary official documentary records", no such records could be traced out by the Government of India, as reported by them. The reports given by the Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry of Home Affairs, etc. in the matter would be considered by the Hon'ble Chairman at the appropriate stage to express his views thereon.
- 7(a) The Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission visited Japan in the month of September, 2002 and could examine only one witness, viz., Dr. T. Yoshimi, in spite of publication of a notice about the sitting of the Commission in Japan, in a prominent English daily of Japan before the visit of the Commission to Japan. The Commission could interact with a number of local people at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo who declined to depose before the Commission as witnesses. They have, however, stated that they all believe that Netaji had died in the plane crash on 18th August, 1945 and that the ashes of Netaji are being preserved at the Renkoji Temple; but none of them could adduce any evidence in support of their said beliefs. The Commission could not visually examine the ashes kept in Renkoji Temple as the container thereof could not be opened by the authorities of the Renkoji Temple on that day for some practical difficulties. Since the Commission was leaving for Miyazaki on that very day to examine Dr. T. Yoshimi, the Hon'ble Chairman addressed a letter to the Ambassador of India in Japan (who was away from Tokyo on that day) requesting him to get the ashes examined by a competent officer of the Embassy to ascertain whether there is any bone or fragments of bone in them justifying examination of the ashes by D.N.A. test. The report dated November 12/18, 2002 of the Indian Embassy in Japan and the photographs received by the Hon'ble Chairman on 28.11.2002, shows that the casket alleged to be containing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose appear to be having bone fragments, parts of the skull, some teeth, and a portion of the jaw.
- 7(b) Shri Nandalal Chakraborty, one of the deponents of the affidavit no. JMCI/11, in his letter dated 01.11.2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission has requested the Commission to visit the USA, the UK, and Germany for reasons mentioned therein. Copy of the said letter has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in continuation of the Commission's letter no. 398 dated 11.11.2002 to act accordingly.
8. The documents collected by the National Archives of India from the UK as per requisition of the Commission have been received and are being scrutinized by the Commission.
9. The Commission has received from the Ministry of External Affairs some papers in support of the contention of the Ministry of External Affairs that the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose does not appear in the list of "War Criminals".

10. The Commission has been pursuing with the Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the Intelligence Bureau, etc., Government of India, for various files/documents/records/reports called for from them which are yet to be received by the Commission.
11. Some handwritings allegedly of "Gumnami Baba" were made over to the Government Examiner of Questioned Documents, Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Simla, on 02.09.2002 along with some admitted specimens of the handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for examination of the said questioned handwritings by comparing with the said admitted specimens of handwritings. The sealed report of the said Government Examiner has been collected and brought to the office of the Commission on 25.11.2002. Efforts are being made to get the aforesaid two sets of handwritings examined independently by two more eminent handwriting experts, one after the other. It may be pointed out in this connection that it will take considerable time to get the questioned handwritings, allegedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, verified with admitted specimens of his handwritings by 3 (three) eminent handwriting experts independently, one after the other.
12. The authenticated xerox copies of the relevant rules and procedures, which were in force at the time of destruction of different files/documents of the Government of India, as called for, could not be received from the Prime Minister's office in spite of close persuasion by the Commission. Hence, it has been decided not to pursue the matter further.
13. To collect blood samples of persons on the paternal/maternal lineage of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for the purpose of DNA tests of the relevant specimens out of the articles seized from the house in Faizabad, UP for establishing the identity of the subject to whom those specimens belonged, Sarbasree Nirupam Som, Subrata Bose, Pradip Bose, Sugata Bose, Chandra Kumar Bose, Surya Kumar Bose, Sadhan Kar and Smt. Chitra Ghose were requested by the Commission's letters dated 30.07.2002/ 03.10.2002/04.10.2002 to kindly cooperate with this Commission by communicating their willingness to donate their respective blood samples of one ml. each. While no response has yet been received from Sarbasree Chandra Kumar Bose, Sadhan Kar and Smt. Chitra Ghosh, Shri Nirupam Som and Shri Sugata Bose have questioned the efficacy of the proposed DNA test in their respective replies to the Commission in the matter. Shri Surya Kumar Bose, who is now living in Germany, has however expressed his willingness to donate the blood but has informed that he has no plan to visit India in near future. Shri Pradip Bose has replied that he has no objection to donate the blood in New Delhi as he will not be able to come to Kolkata in near future. Shri Subrata Bose in his letter dated November 28, 2002 which was received by the Commission at 3.45 PM on the same day, conveyed his willingness to donate blood sample for the proposed DNA test on the specimens obtained from Faizabad, UP, "and for no other purpose". The Commission is still making efforts to collect the names and addresses of other eligible donors, if any, of Netaji's family.

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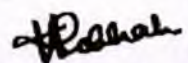
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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

This has reference to your letter of 15th January on the above mentioned subject.

The list of archives has not been received with your letter. I would be grateful if the same could be faxed to me (Fax No. 2379 2285).

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII


(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
27.1.2003

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Fax Message

From Foreign New Delhi

To Congendia St. Petersburg (Fax No. 00-7-812-2791036)

Shri J.N.Goswami, Consul (HOC) from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)

S.no. 234/c

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

This has reference to your fax of 8th January, 2003 on the above mentioned subject.

In order to enable you locate the relevant papers on the subject, we are faxing herewith the message of 8th May, 2001 faxed by your office to E/I, Moscow.

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Vijay Gokhale
for (Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
10.1.2003

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May 08, 2001

FS(Pol) from Consul (HOC)

Reference your fax dated April 13th regarding information required by Justice Mukherjee Commission.

Our enquiries till date have drawn a blank. We have given names to some more people who while not having denied first hand information, have agreed to check with others. Will keep you informed if something positive comes up.

With regards.

(Harsh K. Jain)
Consul

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry - Documents requested for - Status Report regarding

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| 1. | Files in the Ministry related to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose | 13 files have been sent to the Commission so far. Two more are being sent. One file asked for by the Commission has not been traceable |
| 2. | Documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in foreign countries: | <p>The position in respect of different countries is as under:</p> <p>USA</p> <p>The position which was explained to the Commission in December, 2001, is as follows: Enquiries made with the Intelligence Research Bureau of the US State Department have revealed that documents once declassified, are no longer retained by the US Govt. and are normally stored in the National Archives, Library of Congress or other similar documentation centers. As regards classified documents, these can, under the US Law, only be requisitioned by specifying the details of the document.</p> <p>UK</p> <p>The Commission had perused relevant declassified documents during their visit to the UK in July, 2001. As regards a few classified documents which the Commission feels might contain some relevant material on Netaji, the matter has been taken up with our Mission in London to facilitate the release of the documents.</p> <p>Japan</p> <p>Our Mission in Tokyo has made a formal request to the Government of Japan. The Japanese Govt. has not responded so far.</p> |

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| Documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in foreign countries: | <p>Taiwan</p> <p>The information received from the ITA (India-Taipei Association) through the local Foreign Office reveals that in a book edited and published by the Ministry of National Defence of Taiwan in May, 1991 on war against the Japanese aggression in China mentions tht "Chandra Bose was injured and he died in the air crash at Taipei airport". However, photographs or other reference material of this incident are not available with agencies contacted by the MFA, viz. the Ministry of Defence, Historical Research Commission of Taiwan, Academia Sinica and Historica Sinica. No other relevant documents are available in Taiwan.</p> <p>Russia</p> <p>All the documents which could be obtained by our Mission through the Russian Foreign Office have been sent to the Commission.</p> <p>States (other than Russia) of the former Soviet Union</p> <p>The Commission has requested for the list of all archives in each of these States. Concerned Missions have been approached. Information has already been received from two Missions. Information from the others is awaited.</p> <p>Vietnam</p> <p>Our Mission has been approached. Information is still awaited</p> <p>Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Germany, Ireland, etc.</p> <p>These are new additions by the Commission of likely sources of documents on Netaji. Concerned Missions have, therefore, not been approached as yet.</p> |



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No. SPB/551/1/2002

8th January, 2003

To: Foreign New Delhi

Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV) from Consul (HOC)

Rptd: Embassy of India, Moscow - for DCM

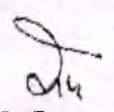
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S.N. 229/c

This is with reference to your fax message number 25/4/NGO-Vol VIII dated 1st January, 2003 received here on 6th January, 2003 on the subject mentioned above.

We have not been able to trace our papers on this subject. Please inform more details of this case.

Regards


(J.N. Goswami)
Consul (HOC)

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भारत का राजदूत
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Ambassador of India
Almaty

No. ALM/Pol/560/1/2002

December 27, 2002

Dear Shri Gokhale,

S.No 204/c

Please refer to your letter no.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 27th November 2002 regarding information on all archives in Kazakhstan required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. Enclosed herewith is a complete list of the archives in the different regions of Kazakhstan.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vidya Sagar Verma)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi.

Info passed on to
Commission.

Archives

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1, Internatsionalnaya st.
Tel: (3152) 464819; 493059
Fax: (3152) 464819

State Archive
417000, Uralsk
85, Dmitriev st.
Tel: (3112) 510634; 514713
Fax: (3112) 514713

Division of archives and
documentation
486042, Shymkent
20, Baitursynov st.
Tel: (3252) 538554

State Archive of Aktobe Oblast
Aktobe, 255, Zhubanovs Brothers
st.,
Tel: (3132) 541577
Fax: (3132) 543547

Archives of the President of the
Republic of Kazakhstan
Almaty, 87b, Dostyk ave
Tel: (3272) 646907; 642864
Fax: (3272) 543146

Central State Archives of Almaty
City
480036, Almaty,
11a, 12-district
Tel: (3272) 213836 283311

Central State Archives of Almaty
Region
480064, Almaty
39, Abai street
Tel: (3272) 625855; 627057
Fax: (3272) 625842

State Archive of Kokshetau
Kokshetau, 37, Gorky st.

Tel: (31622) 52221

Zhambyl Regional Administration
of Archives and Documentation
Taraz, 125a, Abay st.
Tel: (3262) 431561; 433275

State Archive
Ust-Kamenogorsk
Tel: (3232) 252660

Oblast Archive
473000, Astana, 43/1, Auezov st.
Tel/fax: (3172) 322779

Oblast archive
Karaganda, 6, Yerzhanov st.
Tel/fax: (3212) 434882

Oblast archive
Kostanai, 2/6, Mailin st.
Tel: (3142) 536704

Oblast archive
Kzylorda, 44, Tasmagambetov st.
Tel: (32422) 70150

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Taldykorgan, microrayon "Samal",
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated January 1, 2003

Dear Buren,

I am forwarding herewith letter No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated 27.11.2002 from the Justice Mukherjee Commission which is self-explanatory. As desired by the Commission, the Government of Japan may please be approached to obtain the documents in original related to the alleged cremation of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose following the alleged plane crash at Taihoku on 18.8.1945.

The Commission attaches importance to this. Grateful for your assistance,

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission
Embassy of India
Tokyo

Encl: As above

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to JMCI/CPDC/2002/432

November 27, 2002

from : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

to
The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

Sub: Alleged Cremation Permit in respect of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I am directed to say that till now the Commission has not come across any authentic contemporary death certificate or cremation certificate or cremation permit issued by any competent authority in respect of the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the alleged plane crash at Taihoku on 18.8.45. What the Commission has received from your end till date is a copy of a letter dated 24.7.56 of Hisaji Hattori, Chief of 4th Section, Asian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Govt. of Japan, addressed to Mr. A.K.Dar, the then First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo and its enclosure which is a certified copy dt. 14.7.56 of an extract from the original document on cremation permit in the name of one Ichiro Okura described in this certificate as a "Non-regular staff member of Army Forces". In his aforesaid letter dt. 24.7.56, Mr. Hisaji Hattori stated "it is believed that this cremation permit of Ichiro Okura must correspond to the case for late Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose". According to him, the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was kept strictly confidential at that time and it was believed that the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura "must correspond to the case for late Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose". The name of the applicant for the cremation permit has been shown in the certified copy as Taneyoshi Yoshimi. In his aforesaid letter dated 24.7.56 Mr. Hisaji Hattori further stated that the applicant for the cremation permit was Taneyoshi Yoshimi (A copy of this letter with a copy of its enclosure is enclosed).

During its recent visit to Japan, the Commission examined Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi on oath as a witness and his deposition was recorded. He stated before the Commission that he applied to the Taiwan Military authority for cremation permit for the deceased Chandra Bose and attached with the application the death certificate issued by him in the name of Chandra Bose. He categorically stated that he signed the death certificate of the deceased Chandra Bose and that he had no occasion to apply for a cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura. He went to the extent of stating that he

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did not even know Ichiro Okura. I am directed to say that, in view of these clear statements of Taneyoshi Yoshimi, the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura cannot, by any stretch of imagination, relate to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. According to Dr. Yoshimi, Chandra Bose, as Subhas Chandra Bose was known to the Japanese, was brought to the hospital on 18.8.1945 and he died in the same night, but in the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura the date of death has been shown as 19.8.1945.

I am further directed to say that sifting and examining other materials already in the possession of the Commission, the Commission has come across some materials which make the Commission loath to accept the aforesaid claim of Mr. Hattori.

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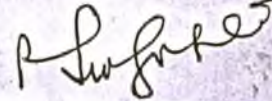
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Encl: Three sheets

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 /1(1)

November 27, 2002

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(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

July 24, 1956

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Dear Mr. Dar,

With reference to your letter No. F.5(1)NGO-I of May 30th, 1956, and my letter dated June 14th, 1956, I wish to inform you that the following reply has been received from Mr. K. Horiuchi, Ambassador of Japan at Taipei, to our enquiry made on this matter:

1. "Doctor's Report" and "Police Report" as mentioned in Mr. Dar's letter could not be traced at Taipei in spite of all efforts.
2. As to "Cremation Permit" a certified copy of the original document on cremation permit which is held by the Bureau of Health and Hygiene Taipei Municipal Office, could be obtained. The document mentions the name of ICHIRO OKURA as the deceased and that of TANEYOSHI YOSHIMI as the applicant. Since the death of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose was kept strictly confidential at that time, it is believed that this cremation permit on ICHIRO OKURA must correspond to the case for late Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.

Therefore, I wish to enclose herewith the above-mentioned copy of "Cremation Permit" together with its translation in English.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Hisaji Hattori

Chief of 4th Section
Asian Affairs Bureau
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. A.K. Dar,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

Dated January 1, 2003

Ref: JMCI letter No. (i) Doc(For)/99-2000/56(IV)/446 dated 5.12.02
(ii) Records /N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/449 dated 5.12.02
(iii) Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/452 dated 5.12.02
(iv) Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/453(6) dated 9.12.02

Sir,


With reference to the Commission's letter at (i) above, it is informed that we have written to our Post in St. Petersburg to know the present position of the case. We will revert as soon as information is available.

Regarding the letter at (ii), we would like to inform that the letter dated 22.3.93 of Dr. S.D.Sharma, the then President of India could be located in the records of this Ministry. However, it appears that no follow-up action was taken on it.

With reference to the letter at (iii), a copy of the Judgement Order dated 4.3.1987 of the Rajasthan High Court is forwarded herewith as desired. As regards filing of an Affidavit-in-opposition, it may be mentioned here that this Ministry had not filed any such affidavit. In this connection, relevant correspondence between this Ministry and the Ministry of Home Affairs, which are self-explanatory, are enclosed herewith.

Regarding the letter at (iv) above, we would like to inform you that the relevant paras of the Status Report of the Commission are being examined, and our response in each case will be sent soon.

Yours faithfully,


(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI-110011Dilip Lahiri
Joint Secretary (AP)

No. C/551/7/92-JP

October 8, 1993

Dear Shri Iyer,

Please refer to your letter no. 11/27/91-Public dt. 5.10.93 regarding the judgement dated 4th March, 1987 delivered by Hon'ble Shri Justice S.N. Bhargava of the High Court of Judicature, Rajasthan relating to the inquiry into the circumstances in which Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose died. The factual position is as follows:-

2. Subsequent to the judgement having been passed, it was brought to the notice of this Ministry that the petitioner had died. Coordination Division of this Ministry had, therefore, informed Shri Talekar, Counsel of the late petitioner that as the petitioner had passed away before the meeting with the MEA/Government of India representative could take place, no further action was called for on the part of the Government of India. Our Legal and Treaties Division had also opined inter-alia that since no evidence or documents of any kind were ever produced by Shri Nand Lal Sharma, the occasion to consider whether or not a fresh enquiry was required did not arise.

3. You are no doubt aware that the CCPA at its meeting on 27.2.91 had considered a note prepared by your Ministry on the dispute regarding the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as also the controversy whether Netaji was dead or alive where the CCPA had approved the proposal that "no useful purpose would be served by holding yet another enquiry or bringing the ashes back to India at present as this might create unnecessary tensions."

Yours sincerely,

(Dilip Lahiri)

Shri M. Venkateswara Iyer,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi



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D.O.No.1/27/91-Public

5 October, 1993.

Dear Shri Dilip Lahiri,

I enclose a copy of my D.O.letter No.5293/JS(A)/93 dated September 27, 1993, addressed to Shri Vijay Kumar, regarding the judgement dated 4th March, 1987, delivered by Hon'ble Shri Justice S.N. Bhargava of the High Court of Judicature, Rajasthan, relating to the inquiry into the circumstances in which Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died.

2. Shri Vijay Kumar told me that he has passed on my letter to you as you are concerned with the subject.

3. May I request you kindly to expedite your reply? We are dealing with a writ petition in the Calcutta High Court in which the aforesaid Judgement has been relied upon and we have to tell the Court what action has been taken in pursuance of the Judgement. Any delay will embarrass us and will result in Contempt of Court proceedings.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

M. Venkateswara Iyer
(M. VENKATESWARA IYER)

Shri Dilip Lahiri,
Joint Secretary (AP),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi-110001.

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P.S. I spoke to you today.

M. Venkateswara Iyer
5.10.93



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NORTH BLOCK, NEW DELHI-110001
September 27, 1993.

Dear Shri Vijay Kumar,

I enclose a copy of the judgement dated 4 March, 1987, delivered by Hon'ble Justice Mr. S.N. Bhargava of the High Court of Judicature, Rajasthan. As you will see, this judgement relates to the inquiry into the circumstances in which Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose died. The first inquiry in this matter was ordered by the Ministry of External Affairs who set up the Netaji Inquiry Committee under the chairmanship of Shah Nawaz Khan.

2. The aforesaid judgement has been relied upon in a writ petition filed in the Calcutta High Court by one Shri Bijan Ghosh and certain others who have joined him as added respondents.

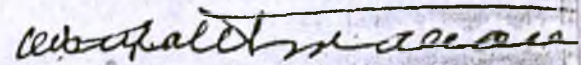
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4. As we have to give para-wise comments in respect of the writ petition pending in the High Court at Calcutta, we are interested in knowing immediately what action was taken by the Ministry of External Affairs in pursuance of the judgement of the High Court of Rajasthan.

5. We shall be grateful if you will consider the matter and send us a reply immediately. If you are not dealing with this matter, kindly pass it on to the concerned Joint Secretary with the request to send me a reply urgently. Also, kindly let me know who is the officer concerned so that I can be in touch with him.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(M. Venkateswara Iyer)

Sent by
P.B. No. 10/93
27.9.93

Shri Vijay Kumar,
Joint Secretary (Coord),
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
'AT JAIPUR BENCH JAIPUR

ORDER

Nand Lal Sharma

Vs. Chief Secretary, State of
Rajasthan and another

S.B. Civil Writ Petition No.902/1984

under Articles 226 and 51 of the Constitution
of India.

DATE OF ORDER

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JANUARY 18, 1986

PRESENT

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.N. BHARGAVA

Shri Nand Lal Sharma, petitioner in person

Shri N.L. Pareek, Addl. GA

Shri B.P. Gupta, Standing Counsel for
Union of India.

BY THE COURT:

This is a writ petition filed by Shri Nand Lal Sharma on a very important national issue asking this court to order for starting an open judicial enquiry on international level to know about the whereabouts of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, a national hero, and further to order to set him free, if he is still confined as a war criminal in any country. The petition was filed on 26.7.84. Along with the writ petition, an application was also filed that this case should be put up before a full bench for admission. When the case came up before Hon'ble the Chief Justice, he was pleased to order that the case may be put up

for admission before me. The petitioner also filed an application giving the details of documents which he wanted to be summoned from the non petitioner No.2, Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Union of India and he also filed some additional documents on 27th August, 1984. Notices to show cause were issued as to why the writ petition should not be admitted and notices of the said two applications were also sent to the non petitioners. On 15th March, 1985, Shri B.P. Gupta, Standing Counsel for the Union of India was called for and was directed to file reply of the writ petition and within one month. Time was again sought by Shri Gupta on 8.5.85 and the case was fixed for 8th July, 1985. Thereafter, I was nominated for Jaipur and the case was not listed before any other bench inspite of application for early hearing filed by the petitioner. The case came up before me on 18th October, 1985; till then, no reply was filed by either the State of Rajasthan or the Union of India. Shri B.P. Gupta, learned Standing Counsel for the Union of India submitted that he has received no instructions, though he had intimated the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs. The case was ordered to be put up on 4.11.85 and the non petitioners were permitted to file reply before that date. Again on 19.11.1985, Shri Gupta submitted that he has received no instructions till then, inspite of written communication. Learned Deputy Government Advocate submitted that he has received instructions not to conduct the writ petition on behalf of the State of Rajasthan.

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The petitioner wanted time to file some additional affidavits and some interrogatories. The petitioner filed some more documents and also produced two printed books (1) NETAJI AZAD HIND FAUL AND AFTER, BY R.M. KASLIWAL AND (2) AN INDIAN FREEDOM FIGHTER IN JAPAN, MEMOIRS OF A.M. NAIR. The case was taken up finally for arguments on 4.12.85. Shri B.P. Gupta still submitted that he has received no instructions and the Additional Government Advocate also reiterated that he had no instructions in the said matter. Hence, the petitioner was heard ex-parte in person and order was reserved.

The petitioner in this writ petition has submitted that he was a close colleague of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and played an important role for his exit from the prison and escaping out of India. In his petition, the petitioner has further submitted that two Commissions, namely, Shah Navaj Khan Commission and Justice Khosla Commission, appointed earlier by the Government of India to enquire into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, could not come to any definite conclusion for the various reasons mentioned in the writ petition and according to the petitioner, the story that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose died in a plane crash in Farmeda was a fabricated one as the co-passengers who were supposed to have been travelling in that plane have lived for long periods after the reported accident and the supposed death and the story that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose fled away from his safety,

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deserting his people, could not be believed. The petitioner has also referred to the rumour that Netaji was confined in Neuremburg Fort (West Germany) as a war criminal and after his brain-wash, he was to be released. In his application dated 6.8.84, he has given a long list of documents which he wanted the non petitioner No.2 to produce so that some definite conclusion could be reached. In that application, he further assured that he will be submitting list of Indian and foreign witnesses who are willing to get their statements recorded and to cooperate if fresh enquiry was ordered. He also produced some extracts of the diary of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. He has also produced a newspaper Rajasthan Patrika (English Edition), dated 18th August, 1985 containing an Article concerning Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. He also produced an affidavit of Dr.E.M. Kaulial to the effect that whatever he had written in his book 'Netaji, Azad Hind Fauz and after' is correct and true to the best of his personal knowledge and belief and specially in Preface on pages between (iii) and (iv) and in Epilogue on pages 69 and to 73. Another book produced by the petitioner namely, An Indian Freedom Fighter in Japan, Memoirs of A.M. Nair containing a Chapter No.28, the Disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose from pages 272 to 284, in which the whole episode has been discussed in detail and doubts have been expressed as to whether Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose died on account of plane crash, or alleged.

I have considered the whole matter. It cannot be denied that Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose was a great national hero and a great freedom fighter. He had led strong revolutionary freedom movement in India and commands a great respect from the people of India. It is true that the Government of India was also concerned in this matter and appointed two Commissions namely Shah Nawaj Khan Commission and Justice Khosla Commission to enquire into the whole matter regarding the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose but the people were not satisfied with the manner in which these Commissions functioned and there has been demand from the public that some other Commission should be appointed to go into the whole question afresh and it is in that direction only that the present writ petition has been filed. Notices were issued both to the State of Rajasthan and the Union of India, but it is very unfortunate that none of them have cared to file any reply to the writ petition and produce relevant material before this court to come to some definite conclusion. Either because the Union of India is indifferent to this question as the matter had already been enquired more than once or the Government of India itself is not satisfied with the reports of the two Commissions and therefore, does not want to contest the writ petition which has been filed for ordering a fresh enquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Since no reply has been filed on behalf of the respondent

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and no relevant documents have been produced in the court, it is not possible to come to a definite conclusion that the two earlier Commissioners ^{properly} did not hold the enquiry/ or there were some inherent improbabilities. I do not think it proper to order a fresh enquiry without examining the whole matter which cannot be done without the assistance of the Union of India.

In the facts and circumstances, I think it proper to issue a direction to the non petitioner No.2 to look into the matter dispassionately and hear the petitioner in person patiently and examine the documents and ^{the} evidence that he wants to produce in support of his contention, and then come to a definite conclusion. In my opinion, six months time will be sufficient for the Union of India to examine the whole matter afresh with open mind and if necessary, invite public in general to produce material whatever it want in this connection before coming to a prima facie decision as to whether fresh Commission is necessary or not. Petitioner should submit all his papers, evidence and other material before Government of India and time of six months will start from the date the material is filed by the petitioner.

The writ petition, is therefore, disposed of accordingly.

Sd. S.N. Bhargava ,

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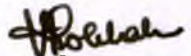
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To : ITA Taipei

Ranjit Gupta, DG from Vijay Gokhale

I am forwarding herewith letter No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 dated 27.11.2002 from the Justice Mukherjee Commission which is self-explanatory.

In view of the apparent discrepancies as pointed out by the Commission in the documents relating to the alleged cremation of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose following the alleged plane crash at Taihoku on 18.8.1945, I would ~~be~~ appreciate if the concerned authorities are approached to obtain the desired documents.


(Vijay Gokhale)
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November 27, 2002

From: Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

Sub: Alleged Cremation Permit in respect of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I am directed to say that till now the Commission has not come across any authentic contemporary death certificate or cremation certificate or cremation permit issued by any competent authority in respect of the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the alleged plane crash at Taihoku on 18.8.45. What the Commission has received from your end till date is a copy of a letter dated 24.7.56 of Hisaji Hattori, Chief of 4th Section, Asian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Govt. of Japan, addressed to Mr. A.K.Dar, the then First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo and its enclosure which is a certified copy dt. 14.7.56 of an extract from the original document on cremation permit in the name of one Ichiro Okura described in this certificate as a "Non-regular staff member of Army forces". In his aforesaid letter dt. 24.7.56, Mr. Hisaji Hattori stated "it is believed that this cremation permit of Ichiro Okura must correspond to the case for late Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose". According to him, the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was kept strictly confidential at that time and it was believed that the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura "must correspond to the case for late Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose". The name of the applicant for the cremation permit has been shown in the certified copy as Taneyoshi Yoshimi. In his aforesaid letter dated 24.7.56 Mr. Hisaji Hattori further stated that the applicant for the cremation permit was Taneyoshi Yoshimi (A copy of this letter with a copy of its enclosure is enclosed).

During its recent visit to Japan, the Commission examined Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi on oath as a witness and his deposition was recorded. He stated before the Commission that he applied to the Taiwan Military authority for cremation permit for the deceased Chandra Bose and attached with the application the death certificate issued by him in the name of Chandra Bose. He categorically stated that he signed the death certificate of the deceased Chandra Bose and that he had no occasion to apply for a cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura. He went to the extent of stating that he

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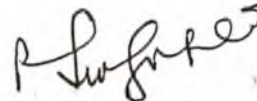
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An early action will be highly appreciated.

Encl: Three sheets

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 /1(1)

November 27, 2002

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(P.K. Sengupta)
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Shri J.N.Goswami, Consul (HOC) from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)

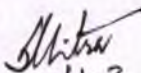
Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

This has reference to your fax of 8th May, 2001 addressed to E/I, Moscow regarding information sought by the Commission on probable witnesses in Russia.

The Commission has desired to know the present position in the case. In this connection, please let us know if there have been any further developments in the matter.

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(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

No. 25/4/NGO - Vol. VII

December 20, 2002

Dear Buren,

Please refer to the correspondence regarding financial sanction for the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

2. We have now received the required sanction from the Ministry of Home Affairs, which is enclosed herewith in original for further necessary action at your end.

Warm regards

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Biren Nanda,
Deputy Chief of Mission,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

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No.I/12014/6/01-IS(D.V)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi, dated

ORDER

Subject: Visit of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission In Japan.

In continuation of this Ministry's sanction order No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) dated 10/9/2002 on the subject , ex-post-facto sanction of the competent authority is hereby accorded to the incurring of the expenditure as per details given below:-

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| Accommodation charge for stay on 14 th , 15 th and 17 th Sept. , in Tokyo | Yen 232,740 (Rs. 96,992 approx) |
| Accommodation charge for 16 th September for stay at Miyazaki | Yen 93,091 (Rs. 38,788 approx) |
| Expenditure for public notice in Japan Times | Yen 200,000 (Rs.83,333 approx) |
| Hiring of an interpreter for 15 th and 16 th Sept. | Yen 215,000 (Rs.89,583 approx) |
| Charge for videography at Renkoji Temple on 15 th September,2002 | Yen 88,200 (Rs.36,750 approx) |
| Air tickets for the sector Tokyo- Miyazaki-Tokyo | Yen 212,000 (Rs.88,333 approx) |
| Transportation charge in Miyazaki(for 15 th and 16 th Sept.,2002) | Yen 53,500 (Rs.22,292) |
| Transportation charge in Tokyo (for 14 th ,17 th and 18 th Sept.,2002 | As per the actuals |

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The expenditure will be met from the sanctioned Budget Grant of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry during the year 2002-2003.

This issues with the concurrence of D/o Exp.
U.O.No.838/E-IV dated 12/12/02.



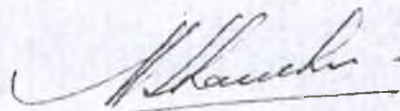
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/ Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/453(6) Kolkata, dated, December 9, 2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Status Report from 01.11.2002
to 30.11.2002

I am directed to send herewith a 'Status Report' of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry from 01.11.2002 to 30.11.2002 with the request to send to the Commission within six (6) weeks the replies/reports in respect of the paras concerning your Ministry/Department/Offices, in the form of an affidavit, duly sworn by your authorised officers not below the rank of Joint Secretary to the Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For Inquiry into the Alleged Disappearance of
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'B' Block, (3rd floor)
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STATUS REPORT

(From 01.11.2002 to 30.11.2002)

1. This Status Report is in continuation of the earlier Status Report forwarded under Commission's Registered letter No. JMCI/Stat.Rept./99-2000/33A/397 dated November 8, 2002.
2. The Commission has been persistently asking the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, for their affidavit on extence/non-existence/availability/non-availability, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of the I.N.A. personnel which is yet to be received.
3. Xerox copies of Prime Minister Office's letter No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated 11.07.2002 and the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/132 dated 21.06.2002 were sent to the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/315 dated 06.09.2002 wherein he was requested to kindly send immediately a true copy of the entire note dated 30.09.1993 of Shri A.K. Sinha, Under Secretary, A.P. submitted to J.S., A.P. which is available in the Ministry of External Affairs, as stated in the aforesaid letter dated 11.07.2002 of the Prime Minister's Office. The response is still awaited.
- 4.(a) The attention of the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was drawn by Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/316 dated 06.09.2002 to the Ministry of Home Affairs U.O. No. VI/11034/61/2002-IS(D.III) dated 19.07.2002 endorsed to the Joint Secretary (Co-ordination), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, wherewith

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a copy of this Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/113 dated 21.06.02 was forwarded and the Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, was requested to kindly furnish copies of the affidavit-in-Opposition filed and with the judgment Order dated 04.03.1987 delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice Bhargava of Rajasthan High Court as referred to in them. The Ministry of External Affairs with their letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated October 25, 2002 has sent to the Commission a copy of their U.O. No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 26.07.2002 endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs wherefrom it appears that the Ministry of External Affairs has referred back the matter to the Ministry of Home Affairs. The Commission has not received the documents called for either from the Ministry of Home Affairs or from the Ministry of External Affairs as yet.

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a clear copy

- (b)(i) By Commission's registered letter No.310 dated 06.09.2002, the attention of the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India was drawn to Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/201 dated 27.07.2002 and he was requested to report to the Commission immediately the details of action taken on the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P., Lok Sabha addressed to the then President of India and the outcome thereof. The said letter of Shri Sondhi was sent by the Prime Minister's Office to the Ministry of Home Affairs under the former's U.O. No.2(64)/56-70-PM dated October 22, 1970 for such action as was considered appropriate. A copy of the said letter dated 15.10.1970 was also enclosed with the Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/608(2) dated March 14, 2002 sent earlier to the Ministry of Home Affairs in the matter. The report called for from the M.H.A. is still being awaited.

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- (b)(ii) By Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/226(2) dated July 30, 2002 the reports were called for from the Ministry of External Affairs and

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the Prime Minister's Office regarding the action taken by them on the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P., Lok Sabha, addressed to the then President of India as mentioned in para 4(b)(i) hereinbefore. In reply, the Prime Minister's Office has requested the Commission by their letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated August 27, 2002 to approach the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External Affairs in the matter. The report called for has not been received from the Ministry of External Affairs [and also from the Ministry of Home Affairs as already stated in para 4(b)(i)]

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- (c) Being advised by the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in their letter No.12014/13/2000-IS(D.III) dated July 18, 2002, the Prime Minister's Office was requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/223 dated 30.07.2002 to kindly furnish to the Commission as early as possible the documents or authenticated xerox copies thereof relevant to various contentions of the d.o. letter dated February 3, 1978 of Late R.C. Mazumder (renowned historian) addressed to the then Prime Minister of India and of the notes of Late Mazumder annexed with his aforesaid letter which appear at cor.pages 16 to 20 of the Prime Minister's Office's Secret File No.2/64/78-PM. The Prime Minister's Office have since informed the Commission that the documents referred to by Late Mazumder are not available with them.

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- (d) The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/225 dated July 30, 2002 to send the full text of the Radio speech as referred to in cor.page 153 of P.M.O.'s Secret File No.2(64)/56-68-PM, the full particulars of the student in the name of Subhas Chandra who allegedly made the said radio broadcast and a true

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copy of the report sent by the Radio Moscow Authority in the matter. A xerox copy of the said cor.page 153 was enclosed with the said letter of the Commission. The Ministry of External Affairs has again been requested by Commission's registered letter No.319 dated 06.09.02 to send the informations and the documents as solicited in the Commission's aforesaid letter dated 30.07.2002. Their response in the matter is still awaited.

5. With Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/372 dated October 10, 2002 addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, xerox copies of Prime Minister Office's letter No.915/11/C/2/2002-Pol. dated 3rd/5th September, 2002 addressed to the Commission, P.M.O.'s U.O. No.PMS-307 dated 05.01.1974 sent to Shri T.C.A. Nivasavardan, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, and d.o. letter No.24/27/71-Pol.II(D.III) dated May 3/4, 1974 of the Home Minister addressed to Samar Guha, M.P. were enclosed and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to kindly furnish to the Commission immediately the details of documents which could be secured by the Government of India and supplied to the Khosla Commission as also the particulars of the documents which could not be secured by them because of their non-availability along with authenticated xerox copies of different affidavits of the Ministry of Home Affairs filed before the Khosla Commission in the matter and of the reply given by the Home Minister in the Lok Sabha on 27th March, 1974 as stated in the aforesaid d.o. letter dated 3/4 May, 1974 of the Home Minister addressed to Shri Samar Guha, M.P. He was further requested to kindly send immediately an authenticated xerox copy of the reply, if any, given by the Ministry of Home Affairs to Shri Samar Guha as requested in para 4 of the aforesaid P.M.O.'s U.O. Note No.PMS-307 dated 05.01.1974. The reports/particulars/documents as called for from the Ministry of Home Affairs are still awaited.

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6. The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(III)/188 dated July 12, 2002 to furnish the Commission immediately with the documents mentioned against four Com. Nos., viz., com. 11, 30(R)(2), 30(S)(2), and 30(V)(I), since those documents do not appear to have been submitted to the Commission as yet which is supposed to be done by the Prime Minister's Office as mentioned in the 3rd para of the d.o. letter No.IV/8(66)/2001-2184 dated 12.12.2001 of Shri Sanjoy Sinha, Joint Director, IB, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, a xerox copy of which has been enclosed with the aforesaid letter dated 12.07.2002 of the Commission. The documents called for are still awaited.
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7. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has again been requested by Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(III)/121 dated June 14, 2002 to send immediately authenticated true copies of the papers/documents concerning Sl. Nos. (ii),(iii),(iv),(v), and (vi) of para 1 of the letter No.281/12/1/2000-TS dated September 19, 2001 of the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, addressed to the Commission which indicates that these papers/documents have been sent to the M.H.A. by the Cabinet Sectt. A copy of the said letter of the Cabinet Secretariat has been enclosed with the Commission's aforesaid letter dated June 14, 2002. The said records are still awaited.
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8. Shri Sanjoy Sinha, Joint Director, Intelligence Bureau, (M.H.A.), Government of India, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(III)/99 dated May 29, 2002 to offer his comments on the averments of Shri Sunil Gupta in his affidavit dated May 8, 2002 which is a rejoinder to the affidavit dated 11.12.2001 of Shri Sanjoy Sinha. A copy of the affidavit of Shri Gupta has been enclosed with the aforesaid letter dated May 29, 2002 of the Commission. The matter was
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again referred to the said Joint Director by Commission's Regd. letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/384 dated October 22, 2002. The reply is still awaited.

9. Under Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Records/ N. Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/236(3) dated August 1, 2002, the Secretaries, Prime Minister's Office, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, have been furnished with xerox copies of the d.o. letter dated January 3, 1974 of Shri Samar Guha, M.P. addressed to Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India and of the reply thereto dated January 9, 1974 given by Smt. Indira Gandhi to Shri Samar Guha and they have ~~kindly~~ been requested to kindly send immediately to the Commission authenticated true copies of all the documents, copies of which were lying in P.M.O.'s File No. 12(226)/56-PM since destroyed, as also authenticated true copies of all those files which contain the said documents, the copies of which were lying in the said destroyed file as stated by the then Prime Minister in her aforesaid d.o. letter dated January 9, 1974. The Ministry of External Affairs has stated in reply that "the documents in the letter (i.e. Commission's letter dated August 1, 2002) referred to above of the Commission belong to files of the Prime Minister's Office and, therefore, any reply in this matter can be given only by Prime Minister's Office." The said documents are yet to be received.
10. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's registered confidential letter No. JMCI/Records/2000-01/37(II)/533 dated January 28, 2002 to let the Commission know what was the outcome of the action, if any, taken on U.O. No. 800/6/C/I/90-Pol. dated September 21, 1990 of the Prime Minister's Office addressed to Shri Naresh Chandra, the then Home Secretary, Government of India, wherewith a copy

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of the letter dated September 13, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India and of the enclosure thereto which is a xerox copy of the news titled, "Fresh Clue on Netaji's Death" published in the 'Times of India' (New Delhi) dated September 3, 1990 were sent to the Home Secretary, Government of India, for appropriate action. It has also been stated in the said letter dated 28.01.2002 of the Commission that the said letter dated September 13, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose with its enclosure and the said U.O. Note dated September 21, 1990 of the Prime Minister's Office are available in File No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office, on the subject, "Netaji Subhas Bose - Bringing in the ashes of". A self-contained reminder has been sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs by Registered Post ~~xxxxxxxx~~ vide Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/195 dated July 22, 2002. The reply of the Ministry is still awaited.

- 11.(a) By Commission's registered letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/193 dated July 19, 2002, the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs has been furnished with a xerox copy of letter No.915/11/C/2/2002-Pol. dated July 8, 2002 of the Director, Prime Minister's Office, Government of India, which is in reply to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/123 dated June 17, 2002 and the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs has been requested to kindly furnish answers immediately to the queries made in the aforesaid letter dated June 17, 2002 of the Commission, a copy of which has been enclosed with the Commission's letter dated July 19, 2002 referred to above. The queries are as noted below :

- (i) Whether the Prime Minister's Office possesses originals of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's purported Messages dated December 26, 1945, January 1, 1946 and February, 1946, appearing at pages 21 and 22 of Prime Minister Office's

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Confidential File No.870/11/P/16/92-Pol. on the subject, "Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - p.p.s reg." which, prima-facie, appear to have been broadcast after the alleged air-crash on August 18, 1945;

- (ii) If so, what was/were the source/sources from which the original messages were obtained by the Prime Minister's Office;
- (iii) If not, whether any inquiry was made by the Government of India, about the source and authenticity of those messages; and
- (iv) What is the result of such inquiry ?

The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs was again reminded by Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/349 dated 27.09.2002 sent to him by registered post. The report called for is still awaited.

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- (b) By d.o. letter No.JMCI/Records/99-2000/37(III)/359 dated October 3, 2002 of the Secretary of the Commission addressed to the Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, the attention of the latter was drawn to a special message from Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose of the Provincial Government of Azad Hind (Singapore) broadcast on 31.42 Metres in 2115-25 hrs. daily "commentry in English" on August 18, 1945 which appears to have been monitored by the monitoring service of All India Radio, Simla, and presented to the National Archives of India by the Publication Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. A copy of the said message has been enclosed with the said d.o. letter dated October 3, 2002 for ready reference. The Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting was requested to throw some light on the points whether the message was live and a direct broadcast or whether the broadcast was of a pre-recorded message/speech of Netaji. The response of the said Ministry in the matter is awaited.

12. By Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Study(PMO)-Follow Up/2002-2003/84/257 dated August 14, 2002, read with its registered letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/348 dated 27.09.02, the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to kindly send immediately a complete list of the names and addresses of all the Archives in Russia as also in other States which previously belonged to erstwhile USSR. We have received a list of 9 (nine) archives in Russia from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with their d.o. letter No. 24/4/NGO-Vol.-VIII dated October 21, 2002 but the complete list as called for is still awaited.

13. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs was requested by Commission's registered letters ~~99-2000/56(IV)/348~~ dated August 1, 2002 and dated 27.09.2002 to kindly provide the Commission with the particulars of the US documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose pertaining to the period from August, 1945 onwards, if any, which are available in the National Archives of the U.S.A. and Records Administration, Maryland, U.S.A. as also in other archives of the U.S.A. including Mac Arthy Archives, the Archives of the Princeton University, Hoover Institution, Stand Ford, U.S.A. etc. The response is still awaited.

14. The letter No. 281/12/1/2000-TS dated November 13, 2002 of the Director, Cabinet Sectt., Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi, which is in reply to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/374 dated October 10, 2002 addressed to the Secretary, Cabinet Sectt., Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi, does not contain the information about the Departments/Ministry/Office, out of which ~~Departments/Ministry/Office~~ the Cabinet Sectt. was formed or about the Department/Ministry/Office of the Government of India which used to look after the works now being looked after

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by the Cabinet Sectt., Rashtrapati Bhavan and the Cabinet Sectt., Bikaner House Annexe, New Delhi, as called for.

15. By Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/235 dated August 1, 2002 the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was requested to report to the Commission immediately what action was taken on the P.M.O.'s endorsement No. 870/11/P/10/93-Pol. dated 08.04.93 to the Home Secretary, New Delhi, wherewith copies of the letter dated March 22, 1993 of Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the then President of India, along with a copy of the letter dated March 13, 1993, jointly authored by Shri Triguna Sen, Shri Amiya Kumar Mazumder, and Shri Aurobinda Nath Bose, some of the distinguished citizens of Calcutta, addressed to the President of India, were forwarded to the Home Secretary, New Delhi, for appropriate action, as also to report what was the outcome of the said action. The ~~Commission~~ Ministry of Home Affairs have stated inter alia in their letter No. I/12014/13/2000-IS(V) dated 24.10.2002 received by the Commission on 30.10.2002 that the matter was referred to the Ministry of External Affairs for appropriate action. No report has yet been received in the matter from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

16. To expedite the matters, the Hon'ble Chairman went to Delhi on 28.10.2002 and met the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India. He requested the Hon'ble Minister to persuade the Government of the U.K. to declassify all relevant classified British documents and to take all steps in terms of the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dated 26.09.2001 of the then Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs. Apropos the said discussion, the Commission's letter No. 398 dated 11.11.2002 was sent by Speed Post to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with the request to take appropriate action in the matter. The Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter

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We have received the query. Being looked into.

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[Action taken. H.C.I. London's response is awaited.]

dated 13.11.2002 addressed to the Hon'ble Chairman has stated inter alia : ".....since the Commission feels that these papers (i.e. classified British records on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose) could be of vital importance with reference to its mandate, we have again taken up the issue of their release with the British Government and would keep you informed of the outcome in this regard.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure of all possible assistance from our side to facilitate the inquiry of the Commission."

Further development in the matter is awaited.

17. Notwithstanding the statement made by the then Prime Minister in the Lok Sabha on 28.08.1978 regarding availability of "further contemporary official documentary records", no such records could be traced out by the Government of India so far, as reported by them. The said reports received from the Government of India in the matter would be considered by the Hon'ble Chairman at the appropriate stage to express his views thereon.
18. The Hon'ble Chairman and the Secretary of the Commission visited Japan in the month of September, 2002 and could examine only one witness, viz., Dr. T. Yoshimi, in spite of publication of a notice about the sitting of the Commission in Japan, in a prominent English daily of Japan before the visit of the Commission to Japan. The Commission could interact with a number of local people at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo who declined to depose before the Commission as witnesses. They, however, stated that they all believed that Netaji had died in the plane crash on 18th August, 1945 and that the ashes of Netaji were being preserved at the Renkoji Temple; but none of them could adduce any evidence in support of their said beliefs. The Commission could not visually examine the ashes kept in Renkoji Temple as the container thereof could not be opened by the authorities of the Renkoji Temple on that day for some practical difficulties. Since the Commission was leaving for Miyazaki

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Action over.

on that very day to examine Dr. T. Yoshimi, the Hon'ble Chairman addressed a letter to the Ambassador of India in Japan (who was away from Tokyo on that day) requesting him to get the ashes examined by a competent officer of the Embassy to ascertain whether there was any bone or fragments of bone in them justifying examination of the ashes by D.N.A. test. The report dated November 12/18, 2002 of the Indian Embassy in Japan and the photographs received by the Hon'ble Chairman on 28.11.2002 from the Indian Embassy in Japan show that the casket alleged to be containing the mortal remains of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose appear to be having bone fragments, parts of the skull, some teeth, and a portion of the jaw.

19. Shri Nandalal Chakraborty, one of the deponents of the affidavit No. JMCI/11, in his letter dated 01.11.2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, has requested the Commission to visit the USA, the UK, and Germany for reasons mentioned therein. A copy of the said letter has been sent to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in continuation of the Commission's letter No. 398 dated 11.11.2002, as referred to in para 16 hereinbefore, with the request to act accordingly.

20. Some handwritings allegedly of 'Gumnam Baba' were made over to the Government Examiner of Questioned Documents, Bureau of Police Research and Development, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, Simla, on 02.09.2002 along with some admitted specimens of the handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for examination of the said questioned handwritings by comparing with the said admitted specimens of handwritings. The sealed report of the said Government Examiner has been collected and brought to the office of the Commission on 25.11.2002. Efforts are being made to get the aforesaid two sets of handwritings examined independently by two more competent handwriting experts, one after the other. It need be pointed out in this connection that it may take considerable time to get the same done.

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21. The authenticated xerox copies of the relevant rules and procedures, which were in force at the time of destruction of different files/documents of the Government of India, as called for, could not be received from the ~~time~~ Prime Minister's Office in spite of close persuasion by the Commission. Hence, it has been decided not to pursue the matter further.

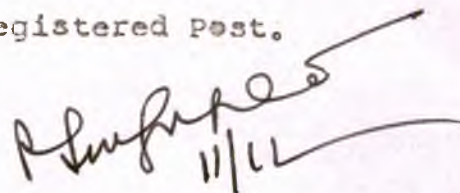
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22. To collect blood samples of persons on the paternal/maternal lineage of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for the purpose of D.N.A. tests of the relevant specimens out of the articles seized from the house in Faizabad, UP for establishing the identity of the subject to whom those specimens belonged, Sarbasree Nirupam Som, Subrata Bose, Pradip Bose, Sugata Bose, Chandra Kumar Bose, Surya Kumar Bose, Sadhan Kar and Smt. Chitra Ghose were requested by the Commission's letters dated 30.07.2002/03.10.2002/04.10.2002 to kindly cooperate with this Commission by communicating their willingness to donate their respective blood samples of one ml. each. While no response has yet been received from Sarbasree Chandra Kumar Bose, Sadhan Kar and Smt. Chitra Ghosh, Shri Nirupam Som and Shri Sugata Bose have questioned the efficacy of the proposed D.N.A. test in their respective replies to the Commission in the matter. Shri Surya Kumar Bose, who is now living in Germany, has expressed his willingness to donate the blood but has informed that he has no plan to visit India in near future. Shri Pradip Bose has replied that he has no objection to donate the blood in New Delhi as he will not be able to come to Kolkata in near future. Shri Subrata Bose in his letter dated November 28, 2002 which was received by the Commission at 3.45 P.M. on the same day, conveyed his willingness to donate blood sample for the proposed D.N.A. test on the specimens obtained from Faizabad, UP, "and for no other purpose". The Commission is still making efforts to collect the names and addresses of other eligible donors, if any, of Netaji's family.

23. Notice was sent to all deponents and others concerned regarding the hearing of the Commission on December 2, 2002 in the Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan, Kolkata, and summons were issued to 7 (seven) persons for their examination as witnesses before the Commission on December 2, 2002.

24. The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by the Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/CPDC/2000/432 dated November 27, 2002 to kindly persuade the Government of Japan to get from the Government of Taiwan the original Register of Cremation Permits for the period from 18.08.1945 to 21.08.1945, the original application for Cremation Permit allegedly filed on 18.05.1945 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose, the original application for Cremation Permit, if any, filed on 18.08.1945 or 19.08.1945 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original Death Certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose or Chandra Bose and the original Death Certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura since the Commission is essentially required to have an access to those documents in view of the facts and circumstances stated in the aforesaid letter dated November 27, 2002 of the Commission. A copy of the said letter along with copies of the enclosures thereto were also sent to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, on November 27, 2002 by Registered Post.

Just received.
Action being taken


(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Dated 24/12/02

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No. JMCI/CPDC/2002/432

November 27, 2002

From : **Shri P.K. Sengupta,**
Secretary.

To
The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

Sub: Alleged Cremation Permit in respect of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I am directed to say that till now the Commission has not come across any authentic contemporary death certificate or cremation certificate or cremation permit issued by any competent authority in respect of the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the alleged plane crash at Taihoku on 18.8.45. What the Commission has received from your end till date is a copy of a letter dated 24.7.56 of Hisaji Hattori, Chief of 4th Section, Asian Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Govt. of Japan, addressed to Mr. A.K.Dar, the then First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo and its enclosure which is a certified copy dt. 14.7.56 of an extract from the original document on cremation permit in the name of one Ichiro Okura described in this certificate as a "Non-regular staff member of Army forces". In his aforesaid letter dt. 24.7.56, Mr. Hisaji Hattori stated "it is believed that this cremation permit of Ichiro Okura must correspond to the case for late Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose". According to him, the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was kept strictly confidential at that time and it was believed that the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura "must correspond to the case for late Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose". The name of the applicant for the cremation permit has been shown in the certified copy as Taneyoshi Yoshimi. In his aforesaid letter dated 24.7.56 Mr. Hisaji Hattori further stated that the applicant for the cremation permit was Taneyoshi Yoshimi (A copy of this letter with a copy of its enclosure is enclosed).

During its recent visit to Japan, the Commission examined Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi on oath as a witness and his deposition was recorded. He stated before the Commission that he applied to the Taiwan Military authority for cremation permit for the deceased Chandra Bose and attached with the application the death certificate issued by him in the name of Chandra Bose. He categorically stated that he signed the death certificate of the deceased Chandra Bose and that he had no occasion to apply for a cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura. He went to the extent of stating that he

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did not even know Ichiro Okura. I am directed to say that, in view of these clear statements of Taneyoshi Yoshimi, the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura cannot, by any stretch of imagination, relate to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. According to Dr. Yoshimi, Chandra Bose, as Subhas Chandra Bose was known to the Japanese, was brought to the hospital on 18.8.1945 and he died in the same night, but in the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura the date of death has been shown as 19.8.1945.

I am further directed to say that sifting and examining other materials already in the possession of the Commission, the Commission has come across some materials which make the Commission loath to accept the aforesaid claim of Mr. Hattori.

While going through the files and records of British Library, London, the Commission came across a copy of a telegram from the United Kingdom Commission, Japan, sent to the Security Services on 29.7.46. Enclosing a copy of the telegram, I am directed to invite your notice to para 1 and para 2(b) of the telegram. In para 1 it was clearly stated that the alleged death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose took place sometime between 1900 and 2000 hours (local time) on August 18, 1945, while in the cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura the date of death, as already mentioned, has been shown as August 19, 1945.

Again, from the para 2 (b) it appears that one Second Lieutenant Mr. Tsuruta, M.O. attended to Subhas Chandra Bose and was with him from the time he was brought into hospital until his death about 4 hours later and that Dr. Tsuruta issued death certificate in the same evening and saw the body put in the coffin. There is no mention of Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi in this telegram.

From the aforesaid materials before the Commission, it seems that one death certificate in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose was issued on 18.8.1945. From the certified copy of extract from the original document on cremation permit in the name of Ichiro Okura it appears further that the certified copy of extract of the original document was issued on July 14, 1956. It, therefore, follows that the original document on cremation was in existence on July 14, 1956 i.e. long after the end of the 2nd World War. If that be so, it can perhaps be presumed that the document is still in existence. If the original document and cremation permit along with the original application for cremation permit filed on 18.8.45 and the death certificate issued on 18.8.45 are made available for inspection of the Commission, it is hoped that those documents would show actually who was the deceased in respect of whom death certificate was issued by Dr. Tsuruta or Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi, application for cremation permit was filed and cremation permit was issued. There cannot be any gainsaying that these documents are the best evidence on the issue of the alleged death of Netaji as a result of an alleged plane crash at Taihoku on 18.8.45.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly take up the matter with the Government of Japan and impress upon them the importance of the aforesaid documents for the purpose of solving for all time to come the mystery shrouding the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The Government of Japan may be persuaded to get from the Government of Taiwan the original register of cremation permits for the period from 18.8. 1945 to 21.8.1945, the original application for cremation permit allegedly filed on 18.8.45 in the name of Chandra Bose or Subhas Chandra Bose,

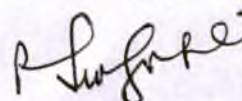
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original application for cremation permit, if any, filed on 18.8.45 or 19.8.45 in the name of Ichiro Okura, the original death certificate allegedly issued in the name of Subhas Chandra Bose and the original death certificate, if any, in the name of Ichiro Okura so that the Commission may have access to these documents.

An early action will be highly appreciated.

Encl: Three sheets

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupa)
Secretary

JMCI/CPDC/2002/432 /1(1)

November 27, 2002

Copy alongwith a copy each of the enclosures is forwarded to Sri L.C.Goyale, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001, for information and necessary action.

(P.K. Sengupa)
Secretary

SECRET

Telegram from the United Kingdom Mission,
Japan, sent to the Security Service
on 29.7.46.

1. As result series of interrogations just completed it is confirmed as certain M.C. ROSE died in TAIKOKU military hospital sometime between 1900 and 2000 hours local time on August 18th 1945 of heart failure resulting from multiple burns and shock.

2. Under-named persons interrogated:

(a) Lieutenant Colonel KIKUCHI and JARAI passengers in plane which crashed on TAIKOKU airfield at about 1430 hours local time.

(b) Lieutenant Colonel HIRUYA, T. KAWA and J. IYU, all staff officers in TAIKOKU at the time of accident who received original report and made arrangements for cremation of body and subsequent disposal of ashes through Second Lieutenant Medical TSURUTA M.O. who attended to ROSE and was with him from time he was brought into hospital until his death about 4 hours later. He issued death certificate same evening and saw body put in coffin.

3. M.O. (perhaps only reported Second Lieutenant) AOYAMA pilot of plane died in TAIKOKU hospital on September 29th 1945 of multiple injuries resulting from crash. Death certificate signed by M.O. KIKI TATSUMI on September 29th has been furnished for inspection.

4. Detailed report follows by air mail.

July 24, 1956.

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Dear Mr. Dar,

With reference to your letter No. F.5(1)NGO-I of May 30th, 1956, and my letter dated June 14th, 1956, I wish to inform you that the following reply has been received from Mr. K. Horiuchi, Ambassador of Japan at Taipei, to our enquiry made on this matter:

1. "Doctor's Report" and "Police Report" as mentioned in Mr. Dar's letter could not be traced at Taipei in spite of all efforts.
2. As to "Cremation Permit" a certified copy of the original document on cremation permit which is held by the Bureau of Health and Hygiene Taipei Municipal Office, could be obtained. The document mentions the name of ICHIRO OKURA as the deceased and that of TANEYOSHI YOSHIMI as the applicant. Since the death of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose was kept strictly confidential at that time, it is believed that this cremation permit on ICHIRO OKURA must correspond to the case for late Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.

Therefore, I wish to enclose herewith the above-mentioned copy of "Cremation Permit" together with its translation in English.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- Hisaji Hattori

Chief of 4th Section
Asian Affairs Bureau
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Mr. A.K. Dar,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

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| No. | Name of Disease | Date of Death Date of Permission Date of Cremation | Place of Burial & Cremation. | Occupation | Sex | Permanent Domicile Present address. | Name of Deceased | Date of Birth | Applicant Address | Name |
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| 2641 | Heart Attack | Aug.19,1945 Aug.21,1945 Aug.22,1945 | Q32 Municipal Crematory | Non-regular staff member of Army Forces. | Male | No.1,2-Chome, Ichiro Dogenzaka, Shibuya-ky, Tokyo. No.2,3-chome, Nogei-machi Taipei City | April 9, Unit 1900. No.21123 | Yoshiyoshi Yoshimi | | |
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Examined and authenticated by
the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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Sd/- Yasutoru Asahina
Secretary,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
(Archives Section).

It is certified that the above statement, abstracted
from the original document on cremation permit,
is correct and true.

July 14, 1956.

Bureau of Health & Hygiene,
Taipei Municipal Office. (Sealed)

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No. JMCI/DOC(For)/99-2000/56(IV)/446 Kolkata, dated, **December 5, 2002**

**From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary**

**To : The Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.**

**Re : D.O.No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII
dated October 31,2002.**

Sir,

Acknowledging receipt of the D.O.letter under reference,
I am directed to request you to kindly send to the Commission
immediately a report on the outcome of further enquiry pursuant
to the communication dated May 08.2001 of Shri Harish K. Jain,
Consul, St.Petersburg, a copy of which was enclosed to the
D.O.letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol VII dated 03.12.2001 of the
Director (CNV) M.E.A., Government of India addressed to the
Secretary of the Commission.

J.N. Goswami

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Sengupta
**(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary**

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No. JMCII/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/452 Kolkata, dated, 05.12.2002.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

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13/12/02 To : The Director (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's registered letter No. JMCII/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/316 dated 06.09.2002, addressed to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, a copy whereof was endorsed to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India by Registered Post on the same day, wherein the Ministry of External Affairs was requested to furnish the Commission with a copy of the Affidavit-in-Opposition filed and Judgment Order, dated 04.03.1987 delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.N. Bhargava of Rajasthan High Court as referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs U.O. No. VI/11034/61/2002-IS (D.III) dated 19.07.02.

I am also directed to refer to the Ministry of External Affairs U.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 26.07.2002, a copy of which was sent to the Commission with the letter dated 25.10.02 of the Secretary (CNV) Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India wherefrom it appears that the matter has been referred back by the Ministry of External Affairs to the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly furnish the Commission immediately with an authenticated copy of the Affidavit-in-Opposition filed and the Judgment Order dated 04.03.1987 as mentioned hereinbefore.

Yours faithfully,

REGISTERED WITH A/D.

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(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCII/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/452/1(1)

Copy forwarded for information and favour of taking necessary action to the Joint Secretary (CNV), M.E.A., Govt. of India so that the documents solicited above are sent to the Commission immediately.

Dated : 05.12.2002.

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Pl. give me
all the Netaji files.
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Sh. NK (CNV)

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No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/449 Kolkata, dated, 05.12.2002.

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From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the Ministry of Home Affairs' letter No.I/12014/13/2000-IS(V) dated 24.10.2002 received in reply to the Commission's reminder bearing No.319 dated 06.09.2002 which is preceded by the original reference of this Commission to the Ministry of Home Affairs bearing No.235 dated 01.08.2002 and to forward herewith the xerox copies of the aforesaid letters with a request to kindly provide the Commission with an action taken report on the letter dated 22.03.1993 of Dr. S.D. Sharma, the then President of India, since the matter was referred by the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Ministry of External Affairs, for appropriate action immediately as it appears from the aforesaid letter dated 24.10.2002 of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl : As stated above.

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Please put up
the JM files to me.
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No.I/12014/13/2000-IS(V)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

New Delhi dt. 10.2.2002

To

Shri M.Roy
Officer on Special Duty
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
B Block, Third Floor
11/A, Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letter No. Records/N. Delhi /99-2000/37(III)/313 dated 6/9/02 regarding action taken report on letter dated 22.3.93 of Dr. S.D. Sharma the then President of India and to say that the instant reference on receipt from PMO was subsequently sent to Ministry of External Affairs for appropriate action. The Commission may like to take up the matter with Ministry of External Affairs in this regard.

In regard to making available a copy of the answer to the Lok Sabha Starred Question Dy.No. 3424 raised by Shri Samar Guha during 1974 it may be mentioned that the said question was transferred from P.M.O to this Ministry at notice stage for acceptance on 21/2/1974 but it is not clear whether the question was ever admitted as Starred or Unstarred or Otherwise. However all the existing records have been checked but nothing could be traced.

Yours faithfully,

(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

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Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/319.

6.9.02.

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty,

To : Shri Vijay Bokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

11/10/02
letter no. 315
9/10/02

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this office registered letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/225 dated 30.7.2002 and to say that the informations and the documents as solicited in the aforesaid letter are yet to be received.

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I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly do the needful in the matter as expeditiously as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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NO. JMC/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III) Kolkata, dated, 1st August'2002.
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the endorsement No. 870/11/P/10/93-Pol. dated 08.04.1993 of the Prime Minister's Office to the Home Secretary, New Delhi, wherewith copies of the letter dated March 22, 1993 of Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the then President of India, along with a copy of the letter dated March 13, 1993, jointly authored by Shri Triguna Sen, Shri Amiya Kumar Mazumder, and Shri Aurobinda Nath Bose, some of the distinguished citizens of Calcutta, addressed to Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the then President of India, were forwarded to the Home Secretary, New Delhi, for appropriate action (vide copies thereof enclosed).

I am directed to request you to kindly report to the Commission immediately what action was taken on the aforesaid letters and what was the outcome thereof.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosures: Six(6) Sheets.

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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11.12.02

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भारतीय राजदूतावास
बाकू, अज़ेरबैजान

EMBASSY OF INDIA
BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

No.BKU/321/2/2002

18th November, 2002

Dear Sir,

This refers to your letter D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 30th October, 2002 addressed to Ambassador seeking details of names and addresses of all archives in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The matter has been taken up with the local Foreign Ministry. The details will be forwarded to you as soon as they are received from the Foreign Office.

At present the available names and addresses of archives in Azerbaijan are as under:

[a] Azerbaijan Republic Head Archive Department under Cabinet of Ministers; Ziya Bunyadov Street 3, Baku (Azerbaijan) Tel: 629431, 629756;

[b] Archive of Academy; Istiglaliyyat str. 10, Baku (Azerbaijan). Tel: 928820

[c] Scientific and Technical Archive; Matbuat ave 593, Baku (Azerbaijan). Tel: 323425;

[d] Archive on Literature; Ziya Bunyadov ave 3, Baku (Azerbaijan). Tel: 629760;

[e] Archive on Notary and Marriage Documents; Ziya Bunyadov ave 3, Baku (Azerbaijan). Tel: 629684.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Handwritten signature of Ganesh Haloi)
[Ganesh Haloi]
Head of Chancery

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block, New Delhi.

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Vishvas Sapkal
Head of Chancery

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EMBASSY OF INDIA
येरेवान (आर्मेनिया)
YEREVAN (ARMENIA)

Fax

26th November 2002

No. YER/Cul/327/1/2002

To: Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS (CNV), MEA, New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter D.O.No.25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated 30/10/02 regarding archives.

The archives in Armenia:

1. Archive of Socio-Political History of Armenia
(former Name-Central State archive of Documents of Socio-Political organisations of Armenia)

Director: Avag Harutyunyan

Address: Baghramian 59 G, Yerevan Tel No: 00-374-1- 225817

2. Armenian National film Archive

Director: G. ZAkoyan

Address: Tbilisyan Highway 25 A, Yerevan 375052;

Tel No: 284895, 285406, 284885

The archives in Georgia:

Department of Archives, Tel No: 00-99-532-372801

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Sapkal
(Vishvas Sapkal)

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated

December 5, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. Doc(For)/99-2000/56(IV)/256 dated 12.8.2002 regarding messages purportedly made by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. I would like to inform you that we have not been able to locate relevant papers on the subject in our records, and so are unable to reply to the queries made in the Commission's letter No. Doc(For)/99-2000/56(IV)/123 dated 17.6.2002.

As regards your letter No. Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/315 dated 6.9.2002 desiring a copy of the note dated 13.9.93 of Shri A.K.Sinha, the then US(AP), we are yet to locate the file containing the said note.

We are making efforts to trace the relevant records and the Commission will be informed of the outcome as soon as these are located.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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December 5, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/319 dated 6.9.2002 regarding a speech made over Moscow Radio by one Subhash Chandra.

The matter under reference was also the subject matter of a Parliament Question in 1969. The outcome of enquiries made at that time was as under.

The authorities in Radio Moscow had confirmed that a person called Subash Chandra had indeed made a broadcast on 21.1.1967. However, they did not have any particulars of this person. Enquiries by our Mission in Moscow further revealed that this person was one of the Indian students in Moscow, some of whom were occasionally asked to make commentaries. Further enquiries revealed that there were three students with the common name of Subhas Chandra who were studying in Moscow at that time, viz., Subhas Chandra, Subhas Chandra Jettly and Subhas Chandra Duggal. Further investigations indicated that out of these three, Subash Chandra Duggal aged about twenty-four (in 1970) had *most likely* made the broadcast.

Officials in Radio Moscow also informed our Mission that they did not keep any records of commentaries other than those made by extremely important individuals.

It may be mentioned here that officials of our Mission in Moscow made the enquiries in the matter personally with concerned authorities in Radio Moscow. As such, no formal report of Radio Moscow on the issue is available in our records.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARL. QUESTION

**Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs**

**Subject: Notice of Lok Sabha Provisionally Starred Question Dy. No.8739
tabled by Smt. Renuka Chowdhury, MP for answer on 10.12.02**

This has reference to MHA endorsement No.II/13012/2/2002-IS(D.V) dated 3.12.2002 on the above mentioned subject.

2. In so far as this Ministry is concerned, the information may be treated as "Nil".

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)

Ministry of Home Affairs (Attn: Shri M.S.Zuha, Desk Officer) North Block, New Delhi

MEA U.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 4.12.2002

(By Fax)

(Fax No.00991-033-252-2765)

FROM: HOME NEW DELHI

TO: SHRI P.K. SENGUPTA, SECRETARY

JMCI, B-BLOCK, THIRD FLOOR, 11/A MIRZA GHALIB STREET
KOLKATTA - 700087

NO.II/13012/2/2002-IS(D.V)

Dated 3-12-2002

MINISTRY OF TOURISM & CULTURE HAS FORWARDED IN ORIGINAL THE NOTICE OF LOK SABHA PROVISIONAL STARRED QUESTION DY.NO.8739 TABLED BY SMT. RENUKA CHOWDHURY MP FOR ANSWER ON 0.12.2002(.) THE QUESTION READS AS UNDER:-

(A) WHETHER ANY NEW ~~clues~~ ^{clues} REGARDING NOBLE RELICS OF NETAJI SUBHASH CHANDRA BOSE ABROAD HAVE COME TO LIGHT RECENTLY;

(B) IF SO, STEPS BEING TAKEN TO BRING THESE BACK TO INDIA;

(C) WHETHER HIS MINISTRY PROPOSE TO INSTITUTE ANY SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS IN HIS MEMORY; AND

(D) (IF SO, THE DETAILS THEREOF)

IT IS REQUESTED THAT REQUIRED MATERIAL/INFORMATION ALONG WITH A NOTE FOR POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARY IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE QUESTION MAY BE PROVIDED TO THIS MINISTR URGENTLY BY RETURN FAX AT MHA FAX NOS 3015750/3017763 TO ENABLE US TO DRAFT A SUITABLE REPLY TO THE QUESTION(.)

(M.S. ZUHA)
Deputy Secretary

For similar action.

Copy to - (i) "Public Section" for perusal of the question.

(ii) MEA (Jt. Secy CNV), South Block, New Delhi.
(Attn. Sandip Misra, U.S (NGO-1))

Fax No. 3792285

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29/11/02

No. 25/4/NGO - Vol VIII (Part)
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

2411/1305/02
31/10/02

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked us to furnish various details regarding a speech broadcast on Radio Moscow by a student in the name of Subhas Chandra after the Tashkent Agreement. A scrutiny of the files of EA Division sent to this Section has revealed that there exists a file (no. C/125/11/69-JP) bearing the subject "Parliament Question regarding broadcast by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on Radio Moscow". This file was one of those sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs in 1970 in connection with the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry. Since this file seems to be relevant to the issue under reference, we may request EA Division to send it to us urgently.

~~JS~~
28/10/02

~~US(NGO)~~

Sharma
28/10/02

~~JS(CNV)~~

JS
28.10.2002

~~DS(JK)~~

Urgent.
Pls spl

~~US(EA)~~

by
29/10

JK Registry
(East Asia Division)

"As requested, file no. C/125/11/69-JP regarding Lok Sabha starred Q. no. 8503 for 20-8-69 by Shri Samar Guha regarding - broadcast by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on Radio Moscow after the signing of Tashkent Pact.

We are sending herewith the above mentioned file for n.a.

The file, as requested, is sent herewith.

Pur
29/11
~~US(CEA)~~
~~US(NGO)~~

Please examine
Sharma
29/11

by email
29.11.02



विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated December 3, 2002

Dear, Venkatesh,

Please refer to your letter No. MOS/POL/125/1/90 dated 23.9.2002 forwarding a list of names and addresses of archives in Russia. On the basis of this list, the Justice Mukherjee Commission has made certain observations, which are on the following lines.

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The Mission had forwarded with their letter No. MOS/POL/125/1/90 dated 2.7.2001 some documents relating to Netaji received from the Russian Foreign Ministry along with their N.V. No. 142/3 DA dated 28.6.2001. This N.V. mentions the names of nine archives out of which the documents furnished pertain to the following:

- a. The State Archives of the Modern History
- b. The Archives of R.F. External Intelligence Service
- c. Archives of the Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation

It further states that no documents relating to Netaji have been found in the other six archives, viz.,

1. The Central Archives of FSB of Russia
2. The Central State Archives of R.F. Defence Ministry
3. The Russian State Library
4. The State Archives of the Russian Federation
5. The Russian State Military Archives, and
6. The Russian State Historical Archives of the Far East

The list of archives that the Mission has sent with their letter of 23.9.2002 contains the name of eight archives. It is observed that this list does not contain the names of the following four archives out of the nine mentioned in the note of 28.6.2001 of the Russian Foreign Ministry.

- a. The Archives of RF External Intelligence Service
- b. The Russian State Library
- c. The Russian State Military Archives, and
- d. The Russian State Historical Archives of the Far East

You are, therefore, requested to seek a clarification from the Foreign Ministry as to why the names and addresses of these archives have not been included in the list of archives, which was supposed to be comprehensive.

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Furthermore, it is seen that the following three archives in the list sent by you have not found mention in the Russian Foreign Ministry's note of 28.6.2001.

- a. Russian State Archives of Socio Political History
- b. President's Archive (APRF)
- c. Russian State Archives of Audio-Photo Documents

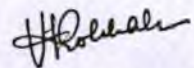
You are, therefore, requested to seek a clarification from the Russian Foreign Ministry regarding the existence of documents relating to Netaji in these three archives.

I would also like to invite your attention to the Mission's N.V. of 12.3.2001 forwarding a list of archives that was sent by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. It is seen that not all the archives in this list have been covered by the MFA. Information regarding the presence of any relevant documents in the archives not covered by the MFA may please be obtained.

The desired clarifications/information may be sent to us for forwarding to the Commission.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

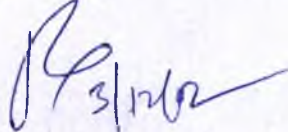


(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma
Counsellor(Pol)
Embassy of India
Moscow

9/c

for




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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated

December 3, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

S.No. 211

Please refer to your letter No. Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/70/433 dated 27.11.2002 regarding documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in various countries.

I would like to mention here that the purport of the letter is not very clear. You are, therefore, requested to clarify as to what action the Commission expects of this Ministry in so far as the letter in question is concerned.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

for
P.3/12/12



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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated

December 3, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/131 dated 21.6.2002 addressed to the Prime Minister's Office regarding two files and one folder relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

As desired, forwarded herewith is a copy each of this Ministry's file No. C/551/14/90-JP and the folder No. C/551/7/92-JP(KW). The other file (No.C/551/7/92-JP) could not be located till now. Efforts to trace it are still on. The same will be forwarded to the Commission as soon as it becomes available.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

Encl: as above

Copy for information to Smt. Renuka Kumar, Director(PMO), w.r.t. PMO I.D.
No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol dated 30.9.2002

W end
for 31/12

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No. JMCI/Overseas/Witnesses/2000-01/- Kolkata, dated, **27.11.2002.**
70/433.

8/13/1999/2
3/12/02
From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sub : Documents, records, files, etc. relating
to and/or having relevance to the points
of inquiry which are in the possession or
under the control of the Governments of
the U.K., the U.S.A., the Russian Federation
and the other States which were within the
erstwhile USSR, Japan, Vietnam, Taiwan,
Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Germany,
Ireland etc.

S i r,

I am directed to state that Shri Nandalal
Chakravarty, one of the deponents of the affidavit
No. JMCI/11 in his letter dated 01.11.2002 addressed
to the Secretary of the Commission has requested
the Commission to visit the U.K., the U.S.A. and
the Germany for reasons mentioned therein.

I am further directed to send herewith a
copy of the said letter of Shri Chakravarty in
continuation of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/
DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/398 dated 11.11.2002 addressed
to you with the request to act accordingly.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Encl.: As stated above.

What are we
to do? Pl. Spk.
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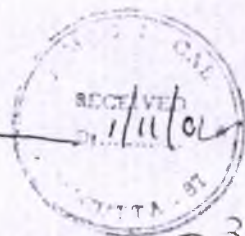
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To
the Secretary
Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
Kolkata

Sir,

Pursuant to our demands in page 127 of our petition for collection of documents from abroad, the Honourable commission is hereby urged upon to visit U.S.A, U.K and Germany for the reasons stated as under :

1. England: In reply to Mr. Amalendu Guha's letter to Tony Blair in 1998, The Foreign and Commonwealth office, London, informed that all relevant papers on the treatment of Netaji and other members of I.N.A would be found in Vol. Vi of the Transfer of Power, Public Record Office, London, and the British Library. In view of the same, the commission should examine documents relevant to its terms of reference especially Mountbatten's diary and all other papers on Netaji categorized as 'Top secrets' in the national archives of England. Also the Anglo-American Intelligence reports have to be scrutinized in this connection.
2. U.S.A : The Hon'ble commission should visit U.S.A to examine
a) communication between Mcarther and Mountbatten b) U.S Naval intelligence report regarding Netaji's activities from the 17th August to the 25th August 1945
c) communication from General Mcarther to the U.S President Truman from the 17th August to 31st 1945 d) Documents in the Princeton University especially Louis Fischer's communication to Gandhi, Khurshed Naoroji, the U.S President, the Prime Minister of England and other prominent Political personalities in regard to Netaji and India's independence, and the response thereto. e) Elliot Erikson's article of February 1954 published in National Republic- a monthly magazine of Fundamental Americanism which says ' There is a strong possibility that Bose is alive'. f) C.I.A documents of 1946 which states that there is no information of Bose's alleged death and C.I.A Document of 1964 expressing concern for the possible return of Netaji and its impact on the Nehru Government.
3. Germany : The Hon'ble commission should visit Germany for examining German military intelligence documents in light of an article entitled 'Babu Bose : Man behind the front' published in a German intelligence magazine, Interpress on 28.10.1949.

Yours faithfully,

Nandalal Chakrabarti

(Nandalal Chakrabarti, Petitioner No. J.M.C.I- 11)

1.11.2002



विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated November 27, 2002

Dear *Shri Arya*,

This has reference to your letter No. Kyiv/Com/202/1/02 dated 15.11.2002 forwarding a list of archives in Ukraine.

In the meanwhile, we have received a clarification from the Justice Mukherjee Commission (copy enclosed) which is self-explanatory.

I would be grateful if the requisite additional information is sent to us.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Arya Sandeep
First Secretary
Embassy of India
Kyiv

Encl: as above

28/11/02



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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated November 27, 2002

Dear *Shri Roy,*

Please refer to your letter No. 676/Amb/2002 dated 15th November, 2002 forwarding a list of archives in Turkmenistan.

In the meanwhile, we have received a clarification from the Justice Mukherjee Commission (copy enclosed) which is self-explanatory.

I would, therefore, be grateful if the requisite additional information is sent to us.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri R.M.Roy
Ambassador of India
Ashgabat

Encl: as above



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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated November 27, 2002

Dear *Yogendra,*

Please refer to your e-mail message of 11.11.2002 seeking a clarification regarding the information desired by the Justice Mukherjee Commission on the archives in the country of your accreditation.

In this connection, I am forwarding herewith a letter dated 15.11.2002 from the Commission which is self-explanatory, for appropriate action at your end.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Yogendra Kumar
Ambassador of India
Dushanbe

Encl: as above

28/11/02



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated November 27, 2002

Dear Shri Om Prakash,

Please refer to my d.o. of even number dated 30th October, 2002 regarding information on all archives in the country of your accreditation as requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

In this connection, I am forwarding herewith a letter dated 15.11.2002 from the Commission which is self-explanatory, for appropriate action at your end.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Om Prakash
Ambassador of India
Bishkek

Encl: as above

28/11/02



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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated November 27, 2002

Dear *Dinkar*,

Please refer to my d.o. of even number dated 30th October, 2002 regarding information on all archives in the country of your accreditation as requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

In this connection, I am forwarding herewith a letter dated 15.11.2002 from the Commission which is self-explanatory, for appropriate action at your end.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Dinkar Khullar
Ambassador of India
Baku

Encl: as above

28/11/02



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated November 27, 2002

Dear *Muthu,*

Please refer to my d.o. of even number dated 30th October, 2002 regarding information on all archives in the country of your accreditation and concurrent accreditation as requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

In this connection, I am forwarding herewith a letter dated 15.11.2002 from the Commission which is self-explanatory, for appropriate action at your end.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri B.R.Muthu Kumar
Ambassador of India
Belarus

Encl: as above

28/11/02



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated November 27, 2002

Dear Sir,

Please refer to my d.o. of even number dated 30th October, 2002 regarding information on all archives in the country of your accreditation as requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

In this connection, I am forwarding herewith a letter dated 15.11.2002 from the Commission which is self-explanatory, for appropriate action at your end.

Regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri V.S.Verma
Ambassador of India
Almaty

Encl: as above

28/11/02



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated November 27, 2002

Dear Shri Sapkal , .

Please refer to your fax of 26th November forwarding a list of archives in Armenia and Georgia.

In this connection, I am forwarding herewith a letter dated 15.11.2002 from the Commission which is self-explanatory, for appropriate action at your end.

I would be grateful if the requisite additional information is sent to us.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Vishvas Sapkal
Head of Chancery
Embassy of India
Yerevan

Encl: as above



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated November 27, 2002

Dear *Sharat*,

Please refer to your fax No. 260 of 7th November regarding details of archives required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

In this connection, I am forwarding a clarification received from the Commission which is self-explanatory, for appropriate action at your end.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Sharat Sabharwal
Ambassador of India
Tashkent

Encl: as above

Sharat

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14.11.02

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)99-2000-56(IV)/398

November 11, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary.

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110 001

Pl. examine. We need
to p.u. a comprehensive rule
for EAM/PS orders. There are limitations
on how much we can persuade
foreign govt & also desirability of
this course of action.

14.11.2002

US (NSC)

Please speak.

14/11/02

Sh. Sen

Sub : Documents, records, files, etc. relating to and/or having relevance to the points of inquiry which are in the possession or under the control of the Governments of the U.K., the U.S.A., the Russian Federation and the other States which were within the erstwhile USSR, Japan, Vietnam, Taiwan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Germany, Ireland, etc.

Sir,

Apropos the Hon'ble Chairman's discussions with the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Government of India, on October 28, 2002 in New Delhi, I am directed to request you to take appropriate action so that the government of U.K. may be closely pursued by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to get declassified all relevant classified British documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and/or INA which are in the possession and/or under the control of the Government of U.K.

I am further directed to request the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to take necessary effective steps to persuade the Governments of the USA, the Russian Federation including all other States which are now sovereign, but previously within the erstwhile USSR, Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam, Taiwan, Germany, Ireland, etc., to make available or accessible to the Commission at their earliest convenience all documents, classified/de-classified/unclassified, containing evidence/materials relating to and/or having relevance to the points of the inquiry, which are in the possession and/or under the control of the aforesaid Governments and/or are in the various Archives of those countries.

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As regards Russian documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, I am directed to invite your notice to the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VI dt: October 1, 2001 of the then Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, forwarding therewith some documents said to have been received through the Indian Mission in Moscow from different Archives in the Russian Federation. The documents sent along with aforesaid d.o. letter dt: October 1, 2001 included one unofficial translation of a note bearing No.142/3/DA dt: 28th June, 2001 of the Ministry of the Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation addressed to the Embassy of the Republic of India, Moscow. From that note it appears that the documents forwarded along with the above-quoted d.o. letter dt: October 1, 2001 pertain to the following Archives:

- a. The State Archives of the Modern History; ✓
- b. The Archives of R.F. External Intelligence Service,
- c. Archives of the Foreign Policy of the Russian Federation. ✓

In the said note dated 28th June, 2001 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation it was further stated that the following Archives were found to contain no documents concerning Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

- 1 The Central Archives of FSB of Russia, ✓
- 2 The Central State Archives of R.F. Defence Ministry, ✓
- 3 The Russian State Library,
- 4 The State Archives of the Russian Federation, ✓
- 5 The Russian State Military Archives, and
- 6 The Russian State Historical Archives of the Far East.

I am further directed to request you to kindly refer to your d.o. letter No..25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dt: October 21, 2002 and its enclosure i.e., the list of eight Archives, as received by the MEA from the Indian Mission in Moscow, and to say that the list sent along with your above-quoted d.o. letter dt: October 21, 2002 does not prima facie appear to be exhaustive in-as-much as this list does not contain the names of four (4) Archives out of the nine (9) Archives mentioned in the aforesaid note dated June 28, 2001 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, a copy of which was received along with the d.o.letter dated October 1, 2001, referred to earlier in this letter. These four (4) Archives are:-

- a. The Archives of RF External Intelligence Service;
- b. The Russian State Library;
- c. The Russian State Military Archives;
- d. The Russian State Historical Archives of the Far East.



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Counsellor(Political)
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NO. LON/POL/103/17/2000

22 November 2002

As you are aware, the Government of India have set up a Commission of Inquiry headed by Hon'ble Justice M.K. Mukherjee to enquire into the circumstances of the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. During the visit of the Commission to the UK in July 2001, the FCO had handed over a note to Justice Mukherjee which revealed that there are some papers in the British records which have not yet been released.

Our former Deputy High Commissioner had met the former Head of the South Asian Department on October 11, 2001 and requested that the Commission be permitted to examine British intelligence records withheld from release. In response, we had received the enclosed letter from Iain dated December 14, 2001.

Notwithstanding the position outlined by Iain, I have been directed to request you once again to permit the Commission of Inquiry to examine the records.

I would be grateful if you could take up the matter once again with the Records and Historical Department (RHC).

Yours sincerely,

Sd/-
(Vikas Swarup)

Mr. Jonathan Thomson
South Asian Department
Foreign and Commonwealth Office
LONDON

Copy to Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs wrt DO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated October 29, 2002.

With warm regards,

(Vikas Swarup)



Foreign &
Commonwealth
Office

14 December 2001

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Deputy High Commission
High Commission of India
Indian House
Aldwych
London
WC2B 4NA

WH207
King Charles Street
London
SW1A 2AH

Tel: 020 7270 2389
Fax: 020 7270 3258

Dear Hardeep,

During a meeting with Stephen Evans in September you handed over a note regarding official records on Subhas Chandra Bose. I am sorry for the delay in replying, however the aftermath of the events of 11 September caused us to lose sight of your original enquiry.

I understand from our Records and Historical Department (RHC) that our position on this issue remains as set out in the note of February 2000. Virtually all records that are more than 30 years old have been released to the Public Record Office or the British Library. A few relevant papers from the files of the intelligence and security agencies are withheld (with the approval of the Lord Chancellor in accordance with the Public Records Acts). These papers do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available at the British Library. They are withheld as a matter of principle, because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released, rather than because of their particular content. In addition, one paper from the files available at the British Library is withheld on the grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

Richard Bevins, RHD, told me that this position was explained to Justice Mukherjee (who is leading the Indian Government enquiry) and Vikas Swarup when they called on Records and Historical Department in July.

I am sorry if this adds little to what you already know.

*Yours ever,
Iain*

Iain Lindsay
South Asian Department

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As regards the list of Archives received along with your d.o. letter dt: October 21, 2002, I am further to state that neither any document nor any report in respect of three (3) out of eight Archives named in the list has yet been received. These three Archives are :-

- a. Russian State Archives of Socio Political History (Sl. 2 of the list).
- b. President's Archive (APRF) (Sl.no. 4 of the list).
- c. Russian State Archives of Audio-Photo Documents (Sl. No. 8 of the list).

I am to further request you to refer to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56/27 dt: April 17, 2001 forwarding therewith a copy of the list of the Archives of the Russian Federation and also the other States, which were within the erstwhile USSR, as furnished by Dr. (Mrs) Purabi Roy and the Commission's letter No.JMCI/DCC(FOR)/99-2000/56/(IV)/348 dt: September 27, 2002 calling for a complete list of the names and addresses of all the Archives in the Russian Federation as also of the other States, which were previously within the erstwhile USSR. I am directed to say that no document or report in respect of a number of Archives in the aforesaid list of Archives furnished by Dr (Mrs) Purabi Roy has yet been received. I am to further bring to your notice that a comprehensive list of Archives, as called for in the above-quoted Commission's letter No. 348 dt: 27 September, 2002 is yet to be received from your end.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly expedite reply to these letters.

Yours faithfully,



(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary



Vishvas Sapkal
Head of Chancery

भारत का राजदूतावास
EMBASSY OF INDIA
येरेवान (आर्मेनिया)
YEREVAN (ARMENIA)

Fax

26th November 2002

No. YER/Cul/327/1/2002

To: Shri Vijay Gokhale, JS (CNV), MEA, New Delhi

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter D.O.No.25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated 30/10/02 regarding archives.

The archives in Armenia:

1. Archive of Socio-Political History of Armenia
(former Name-Central State archive of Documents of Socio-Political organisations of Armenia)

Director: Avag Harutyunyan

Address: Baghramian 59 G, Yerevan Tel No: 00-374-1- 225817

2. Armenian National film Archive

Director: G. ZAkoyan

Address: Tbilisyan Highway 25 A, Yerevan 375052;

Tel No: 284895, 285406, 284885

The archives in Georgia:

Department of Archives, Tel No: 00-99-532-372801

With Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

Sapkal
(Vishvas Sapkal)

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Arya Sandeep
First Secretary

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By No. 4297/JS (CNV)

Dated:

25/11

Nov 15, 2002

Dear sir,

Please refer to your letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated 30 October, 2002 regarding list of archives for Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. You are aware that it was a centralized system before the break-up of the Soviet Union. Most of the museums deal with the period after the independence of Ukraine in 1991. However, I am enclosing contact details of two archives, who could be relevant for the desired purposes.

3. This issues with the approval of the Ambassador.

Regards,

Yours sincerely

(Arya Sandeep)

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Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

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1. Central State Historical Archives of Ukraine,
Kyiv 03680, 24 Solomyanska Street,
Office 64.

Tel: 00-380-44-2773002

Fax: 2773002

Director: Mrs. Olga V. Muzychuk.

2. National Museum of History of the Great
Patriotic War 1941-1945,
01015, 44 Sichnevogo Povstanya Street.

Tel: 00-380-44-2959452/57

Fax: 2959457

Director: Mr. Olexander S. Artyomov.



R. M. Roy
Ambassador

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Dy No. 4258
Dated: 25/11/02
JS (CNV)

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firstsecretary@online.tm

No. 676 /Amb/2002

November 15, 2002

Dear Vijay,

Please refer to your letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.III dated 30th October 2002 regarding information required by the Justice Mukherjee Commission. A list of the names and addresses of the archives in Turkmenistan is enclosed herewith.

Best Wishes,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

(R.M. Roy)

Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block
New Delhi

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JS (CNV)

We may forward this.
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LIST of the Archive Organizations of Turkmenistan

1. Ms. MOLLAIEVA Maya Mollaevna, Head,
Main Archive Foundation
88, Makhtumkuli Avenue, Ashgabat, 744000, Turkmenistan
2. Ms. POLADOVA Oguljan Poladovna, Director
Central State Archive of Turkmenistan
88, Makhtumkuli Avenue, Ashgabat, 744000, Turkmenistan
3. Ms. KULIEVA Maral Rejebovna, Director
Central State Archive of political Documentation of Turkmenistan
88, Makhtumkuli Avenue, Ashgabat, 744000, Turkmenistan
4. Mr. ALLAYAROV Ruslan Omirbaevich, Director
Central State Archive of Film-photo-documents
88, Makhtumkuli Avenue, Ashgabat, 744000, Turkmenistan
5. Ms. SIBIRSKAYA Ekaterina Timofeevna, Director,
Central Laboratory of microfilms and restoration of documents of the
State Archive of Turkmenistan
88, Makhtumkuli Avenue, Ashgabat, 744000, Turkmenistan
6. Ms. SAPARLIEVA Annagul Chashemovna, Director
State Archive of Dashoguz velayat
33, Al Horezmi st., Dashoguz, 746300, Turkmenistan
7. Ms. LEONTYEVA Ludmila Georgievna, Director
State Archive of Lebap Velayat
47, Bitarap st., Turkmenabad, 746100, Turkmenistan
8. Ms. KUPRIUANOVA Galina Ivanovna, Director
State Archive of Ahal Velayat
2, Zavodskaya st., Abadan, 645224, Turkmenistan
9. Mr. Gaipov Garly, Director
State Archive of Mary Velayat
61, Bitaraplyk, Mary, 745400, Turkmenistan
10. Ms. REJEPOVA Gulnara Rahimovna, Director
State Archive of the town of Atamyrat, Turkmenistan
3, S.A. Nyazov st., 746620, Turkmenistan

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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry

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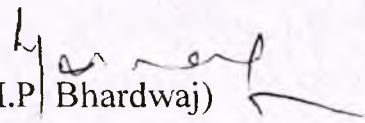
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(East Asia Division)

Subject:- Justice Mukherjee Commission of
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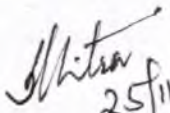
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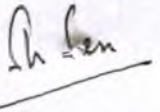
2. As the above file is urgently required for Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry, it is requested that the same may be sent to NGO Section directly under intimation to this Division.


(M.P. Bhardwaj)
Under Secretary (EA)
25-11-2002

SO (RM Section)

✓ Copy to NGO Section, w.r.t. their note
No.25/4/NGO-Vol-VIII(Part) dated 28/10/2002.


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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARL. QUESTION


**Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs**

**Subject: Starred Question Dy. No.2676 tabled by Shri Chandra Bhushan Singh,
MP for answer on 26.11.2002**

This has reference to MHA endorsement No.11/13012/1/2002-IS(D.V) dated 18.11.2002 on the above mentioned subject.

Parts (A) and (B) of the question concern the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. The replies to parts (C) and (D) are as under:

- (C) Yes, such a request has been made.
- (D) The Government of Japan has not provided any relevant documents till date.


(SANDIP MITRA)
UNDER SECRETARY(NGO-I)
TEL: 3015116

Ministry of Home Affairs (Attn: Shri M.S.Zuha, Desk Officer) North Block, New Delhi

MEA U.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 21.11.2002

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(By Fax)

(Fax No.00991-033-252-2765)

FROM: HOME NEW DELHI
TO: SHRI P.K.SENGUPTA, SECRETARY
JMCI, B-BLOCK, 11/1 MIRZA GHALIB STREET
CALCUTTA-700087

NO.11/13012/1/2002 - IS(D-V)

dated 18.11.2002

LOK SABHA SECRETARIAT HAS FORWARDED A COPY OF THE STARRED QUESTION DY NO. 2676 TABLED BY SHRI CHANDRA BHUSHAN SINGH, MP FOR ANSWER ON 26.11.2002 (.) THE QUESTION READS AS UNDER;-

- (A) WHETHER THE RECENT VISIT OF THE NETAJI INQUIRY COMMISSION AND FORWARD BLOCK DELEGATION TO JAPAN HAS BROUGHT TO LIGHT SOME NEW FACTS;
(B) IF SO, THE DETAILS THEREOF;
(C) WHETHER THE GOVERNMENT HAVE MADE ANY REQUEST TO THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN TO MAKE AVAILABLE RELEVANT DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO NETAJI'S DISAPPEARANCE; AND
(D) IF SO, THE DETAILS THEREOF;

IT IS REQUESTED THAT REQUIRED MATERIAL/INFORMATION ALONGWITH A NOTE FOR POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARY IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE QUESTION MAY BE PROVIDED TO THIS MINISTRY URGENTLY BY RETURN FAX AT MHA FAX NOS 3015750/3017763 TO ENABLE US TO DRAFT A SUITABLE REPLY TO THE QUESTION (.)

[Signature]
(M.S.ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

Copy for similar action to:
MEA(Joint Secretary-CNV), South Block, New Delhi

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
'B' Block, (Third Floor)
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata 700 087

Phone:

Chairman - 252-2835
Secretary - 252-2767
Officer on
Special Duty - 252-2765
Office - 252-2766/68

Fax : 0091-033-252-2765

e-mail : jmcinscb@cal.3.vsnl.net.in

No. JMCI/Doc(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/415.

Kolkata, dated, 15th Nov.'02.

From : Shri M. Roy IAS(Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty.

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

In inviting a reference to your letter dated
11.11.2002 received by Fax on 11.11.2002 and 12.11.2002,
I am directed to request you to send a complete list
of all the archives of Russian Federation and of the
states other than Russian Federation of the erstwhile
U.S. S. R. indicating therein (or in a separate sheet)
those archives, out of the said complete list of archives,
which are likely to have information on Netaji Subhas
Chandra Bose/ I.N.A.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy) 25.11.02

Officer on Special Duty

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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARL. QUESTION

**Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs**

**Subject: Notice Dy. No.3803 tabled by Smt. Vanga Geeta, MP for answer on
5.12.02**

This has reference to MHA endorsement No.II/13013/1/2002-IS(D.V) dated 20.11.2002 on the above mentioned subject.

The requisite feedback in respect of the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan is as under:

The Justice Mukherjee Commission visited Japan from 14th to 18th September, 2002.

During the visit, they had an informal interaction with Netaji's surviving Japanese associates at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo followed by an examination of the urn allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji. They also met the chief priest of the Renkoji Temple and the Secretary of the Bose Academy. The interaction at the Renkoji Temple was facilitated by the Foreign Office, and two of their officials were present during the proceedings.

The Commission also visited Miyazaki where they recorded the deposition of Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi who claimed to have attended Netaji after the alleged plane crash. He was the only witness to have been examined by the Commission from amongst those who had deposed before the Shah Nawaz Committee and the Khosla Commission.



(SANDIP MITRA)
UNDER SECRETARY(NGO-I)
TEL: 3015116

Ministry of Home Affairs (Attn: Shri M.S.Zuha, Desk Officer) North Block, New Delhi

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(By Fax)
(Fax No.00991-033-252-2765)

FROM: HOME NEW DELHI

TO: SHRI P.K. SENGUPTA, SECRETARY
JMCI, B-BLOCK, THIRD FLOOR, 11/A MIRZA GHALIB STREET
KOLKATTA - 700087

NO.II/13013/1/2002-IS(D.V)

Dated 20.11.2002

RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT HAS FORWARDED A COPY OF THE NOTICE DY. NO.3803 Tabled BY SMT. VANGA GEETA, MP FOR ANSWER ON 5.12.2002(.) THE QUESTION READS AS UNDER:-

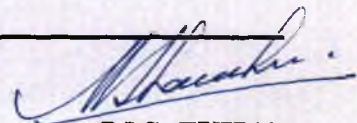
(A) WHETHER IN A BID TO UNCOVER THE TRUTH ABOUT THE DISAPPEARANCE OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE THE NEWLY SET UP ENQUIRY COMMISSION HAS GONE TO JAPAN FOR INVESTIGATION;

(B)

(B) WHEN THIS ENQUIRY COMMISSION EXPECTED TO SUBMIT ITS REPORT; AND

(C) OTHER DETAILS IN THIS REGARD?

IT IS REQUESTED THAT REQUIRED MATERIAL/INFORMATION ALONGWITH A NOTE FOR POSSIBLE SUPPLEMENTARY IN RESPECT OF THE ABOVE QUESTION MAY BE PROVIDED TO THIS MINISTR URGENTLY BY RETURN FAX AT MHA FAX NOS 3015750/3017763 TO ENABLE US TO DRAFT A SUITABLE REPLY TO THE QUESTION(.)



(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

✓ Copy to: MEA (Attention: Sh.Vijay Gokhale, Jt.Secy.(CNV). It is informed that this Ministry have no objection to accept the notice of the question transferred to this Ministry vide your letter No. 25/4/NGO - Vol.III dated 18/11/02. However, it is requested that requisite feed back if available with you may kindly be provided to this Ministry urgently.

Copy to: Rajya Sabha Secretariat (Question Branch) for information.

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MOST IMMEDIATE/PARLIAMENT QUESTION

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Telephone: 301 1357

No.25/4/NGO – Vol. VIII

November 18, 2002

Dear

We have received Notice of a question from Smt. Vanga Geeta, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry into the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose for oral answer on 5.12.2002.

2. As the subject matter of the question is being dealt with by the Ministry of Home Affairs, I shall be grateful if you would kindly accept transfer of the question, under intimation to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. Copy of the Notice is attached. *(Rajya Sabha Dy. No. 003803 dt. 14.11.02 refers)*

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri L.C. Goyal,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs
New Delhi.

Encl: As above

✓ Copy for information to Shri R.V. Gupta, Under Secretary, Rajya Sabha Secretariat, Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi. (FAX No. 301 2376/3018708).

*Copy for information to
Part I, MEA, ND.*

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay GOKHALE)
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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NOTICE OFFICE

Dy. No.
Date

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RAJYA SABHA/राज्य सभा
QUESTION FOR ORAL ANSWER

मौखिक उत्तर के लिए प्रश्न

QUESTION BRANCH

S. Q. Dy. No.
Date

003803

Place / स्थान

Date / दिनांक

FROM / प्रेषक

Smt. VANNA G. JETIA

M.P./संसद सदस्य

To / सेवा में,

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL / महासचिव,

RAJYA SABHA, NEW DELHI / राज्य सभा, नई दिल्ली।

SIR/MADAM, महोदय/महोदया,

Under Rule 39 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business, I give notice of the following Questions प्रक्रिया तथा कार्य संचालन संबंधी नियमों के नियम, 39 के अंतर्गत, मैं निम्नलिखित प्रश्न की सूचना देता हूँ जिसका मौखिक for oral answer on 5.12.2002

उत्तर को दिया जाये।

Yours Faithfully / भवदीय,

Member / सदस्य

Division No. / विभाजन सं.

Order of preference / प्राथमिकता क्रम

*Will the Minister of be pleased to state :

*क्या मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

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EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

- whether in a bid to uncover the truth about the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose the newly set up enquiry commission has gone to Japan for investigations;
- when this enquiry commission is expected is expected to submit its report; and
- other details in this regard?

Mr. P.V. Ch.
U.S. Rajya Sabha Secy.
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Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs

**Subject: Visit of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission to Japan –
Sanction Regarding**

Ministry of Home Affairs may please refer to their u.o. No.1/120146/6/20010-IS(V) dated 22.10.2002 regarding ex-post-facto sanction of the expenditure incurred by the Embassy of India, Tokyo, during the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of enquiry.

2. Necessary clarification on the expenditure incurred on hiring an interpreter for the Commission during its visit has been received from the Embassy of India, Tokyo. A copy of their message, with enclosure, is attached.

3. Ministry of Home Affairs is requested to process the ex-post-facto sanction for the expenditure on the above visit expeditiously.

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

JC Joint Secretary (CNV)

Ministry of Home Affairs (Shri M.S. Zuha, Desk Officer)

Ministry of External Affairs u.o. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dt. 18.11.2002

Encl: As above

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**MOST IMMEDIATE
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| To | Foreign New Delhi | Fax No. | |
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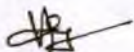
This refers to your fax No.25/4-NGO-Vol/VIII dated October 25, 2002 seeking clarification on the expenditure incurred for the hire of an interpreter for the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

The original estimate of the cost on the hire of an interpreter – Yen 140,000 for two days – was based on the original plan which called for the Hon'ble Commission's deliberations to be held in Tokyo only. However, as Ministry is aware, the Commission had to visit Miyazaki to interview the doctor who allegedly attended on Netaji after the crash. Consequent upon the decision to visit Miyazaki, the agency from which we hired the interpreter submitted a new quotation with an explanation of the additional charges which is faxed below. This quotation mentions a payment of Yen 269,400 for the hire of interpreter for two days. In fact the Embassy haggled with the agency and actual payment was less than the quoted amount (Yen 215,000). The additional charges quoted by the agency include "compensation for lost earning" plus "per diem allowance" for the period spent in Miyazaki. I might mention that the Commission had conveyed to the Embassy prior to their departure for New Delhi that they were very pleased with the performance of the interpreter. We would be very grateful if the MHA could be requested to process the sanction for the charges paid for the services of the interpreter expeditiously.

Lt Lt and yb.


(Biren Nanda)

Shree P.


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見積明細書

Breakdown of Estimate

No. 21101802

2002/09/06

| 月日 Date | スケジュール Schedule | 通訳者 Interpreter | 通訳料 Interpreting Fee | 拘束補償費 Compensation for Lost Earning | 日当 Per Diem Fee | 宿泊費 Accommodations Fee |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|---|--------------------|------------------------------|
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| 09/16 (月) Mon Tokyo → Miyazaki | 東京 → 宮崎 13:00-16:00 | 佐藤 あずさ | | $= 33,500 \times 1$ 33,500 | | |
| 09/17 (火) Tue Miyazaki | 宮崎 09:00-17:00 | 佐藤 あずさ | $= 100,000 \times 1$ 100,000 | | 6,000 | |
| | | | ¥187,000 | ¥33,500 | ¥15,000 | ¥0 |

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| 小計 (Subtotal) | ¥269,400 |
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- 一日は7時間労働(8時間拘束)、半日は3時間以内とします。
これを超える場合はオーバータイム料金をご請求申し上げます。
The full-day fee is charged for eight hours of an interpreter's time which includes seven work hours plus a one-hour break. The half-day fee is charged for three or fewer hours of interpreting work. When the number of hours worked in a day exceeds seven, the overtime charge is added.

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Transportation and accommodations fees are charged at cost.

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Regulations Governing Business Trips

A. Definition of Business Trips

Assignments in prefectures other than Tokyo, Kanagawa, Chiba, and Saitama or assignments in regions that lie 100 km or more from Tokyo Station are considered business trips even if they lie within Tokyo, Kanagawa, Chiba, or Saitama Prefecture.

B. Compensations for Lost Earnings

When an assignment requires that an interpreter take a business trip as defined above, the following fees are charged in addition to the interpreting fees to compensate the interpreter for lost earnings.

(In Japan)

1. For travel time of more than four hours on the day before or after an assignment or for an on-site non-working day: 50% of full-day fee
2. For travel time of four hours or less on the day before or after an assignment: 50% of half-day fee
3. For each workday where work hours and travel time combined exceed ten hours: 50% of half-day fee

Per Diem Fees and Transportation Costs

1. Per Diem Fees

Costs listed below are charged per interpreter per day.

(In Japan)

- a. For each day (working or non-working) that requires an overnight stay:
Accommodations fee (including tax and service charge) and ¥10,000
- b. For each work day that does not require an overnight stay, including the final day of an assignment in the case that the interpreter can return home after working that day: ¥5,000

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Joint Secretary [CNV]

From: "Joint Secretary [CNV]"
To: <indemjp@gol.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2002 2:48 PM
Subject: Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission
MOST IMMEDIATE

Shri C. Rajasekhar,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India,
Tokyo.

Sir,

The Ministry of Home Affairs have pointed out that the cost of hiring of the interpreter has been shown to be Yen 215,000 for two days (15th and 16th September 2002) in your fax of 24th September whereas the cost was initially indicated as Yen 70,000 per day (working out to Yen 140,000 for two days) on the basis of your fax of 22nd August which was conveyed by us to MHA prior to the visit of the Commission. MHA have desired to have clarification on this for facilitating the issue of the sanction.

JS (CNV) had sent a fax message on this subject to the DCM on 25.10.02 followed by reminder dated 12.11.02. However, we have not received any response. It appears that there could have been some problem with the FAX machine at the Embassy end.

I have been directed to request you kindly to look into the matter and send the necessary clarification to us to enable us advise the MHA accordingly and get the sanction issued at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandip Mitra)
Under Secretary (NGO - I)


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**Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs**

**Subject: VISIT OF HON'BLE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION
IN JAPAN – EX POST FACTO SANCTION REGARDING.**

Reference this Ministry's U.O. of even No. dated 31.10.2002 on the subject mentioned above. Clarification as asked for may kindly be expedited to enable us to process the ex-post-facto sanction.


(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

Ministry of External Affairs (Attn: Shri Vijay Gokhale, Jt. Secy. (CNV, South
Block, New Delhi
MHA U.O.No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(V) dated 13.11.2002.

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विदेश मंत्री
भारत

MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
INDIA

DO No.25/4/NGO - Vol.VIII

13 November 2002

Dear Justice Mukherjee,

I write with reference to the discussions during our meeting on 28th October.

I have checked the position regarding the hitherto classified papers with the Government of UK, which the Commission would like to access. As you are aware, our High Commission in London had taken up the matter with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office who had conveyed that the papers in question had been withheld with the approval of the Lord Chancellor and that they do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available at the British Library. They had further stated that these papers have been withheld because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released as a matter of principle, and not because of their particular content.

However, since the Commission feels that these papers could be of vital importance with reference to its mandate, we have again taken up the issue of their release with the British Government and would keep you informed of the outcome in this regard.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you of all possible assistance from our side to facilitate the inquiry of the Commission.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Yashwant Sinha)

Justice Monoj Kumar Mukherjee
Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
'B' Block (3rd floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street
Kolkata - 700 087

14/11/02

MEA
NGO Section

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As desired, a brief Note on the documents on Netaji that are required by the Mukherjee Commission of enquiry from the British Govt. is placed below for information, please.

Mitra
30/10/02

JS(CNV)

You had asked for a Note apropos Mr. Justice Mukherjee's meeting with EAM in which he had spoken of some pps. with the Lord Chancellor.

Hg
30.10.2002



✓ Dir(EAM)

EAM has instructed that a draft letter from him to

Jus. Mukherjee ~~attaching~~ conveying attached information be put up.

R. Van
3/11/2002

JS(CNV)

Pt-p.u. draft.

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5.11.2002

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5/11/02

Draft letter is placed below, please.

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7/11/02

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Mitra
7/11/02

JS(CNV) Hg
7.11.2002

✓ Dir(EAM) EAM has approved
JS(CNV)

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Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry – classified documents from UK regarding

Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee in his letter to the former EAM had inter alia mentioned that during the Commission's visit to the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London in July, 2001, it was revealed that some documents relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose still remain classified with the approval of the Lord Chancellor. In response, EAM had informed him that the Ministry had taken up the matter with the concerned Mission and that the Commission would be kept informed of the outcome.

Subsequently, the Foreign & Commonwealth Office on being approached through our Mission in London replied that these papers from the files of the intelligence and security agencies which have been withheld with the approval of the Lord Chancellor do not add to the substantive account of the circumstances of Subhas Chandra Bose's death that is given in the files available at the British Library. They also stated that these papers are withheld as a matter of principle, because the peacetime files of the intelligence and security agencies are not released, rather than because of their particular content. In addition, one paper from the files available at the British Library is withheld on the grounds of continuing personal sensitivity.

We were subsequently informed by the Commission that the Chairman of the Commission had personally written to Lord Peter Archer whom he had met during his visit to the UK, requesting him to approach the Lord Chancellor for release of the classified documents. The Commission in its Status Report of 6th June, 2002 forwarded with its letter of 1.8.2002 has informed that Lord Archer, expressing his inability to get the documents released through his powers of persuasion, has suggested that the matter may be taken up further through diplomatic representations between the Governments. Accordingly, HCI, London has again been requested to pursue the matter with the British Government.

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Fax Message

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To Indembassy Tokyo (Fax No. 0081-03-3234-4866)

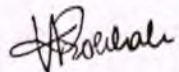
Shri Biren Nanda, DCM from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)

(162)
Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Please refer to my fax of 25.10.02 (copy attached) seeking clarification on the expenditure on the interpreter hired for the visit of the Commission.

Kindly expedite your reply to enable us take up the matter with MHA for issue of the ex post facto sanction.

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII


(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
12.11.2002

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

FAX MESSAGE

Shri P.K.Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
Kolkata (Fax No. 033-2522765)

November 8, 2002

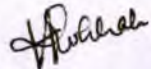
Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/348 dated 27.9.02 requesting for the complete list of all the archives in the States (other than Russia) of the erstwhile USSR.

Following a request to our concerned Missions for the requisite information, we have, in some cases, been asked to clarify whether the information is to be furnished in respect of all archives in the respective countries or only of those which are likely to have information on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose or related matters.

The desired clarification may be provided to enable us take up the matter further with our concerned Missions.

Yours faithfully,


(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary (ENV)

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Yours faithfully,

(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary (CNV)



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JOINT SECRETARY (CNV) from AMBASSADOR

Your letter number 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 30.10.2002. Kindly clarify if information is needed regarding all repeat all archives or only those archives that may have some information on the subject of your letter. I may add that this place is not likely to have any archives in the latter category. In case, on the other hand, information is required regarding all archives, the process of collecting it will naturally be somewhat time consuming. We will take further action on hearing from you on the above.

Regards,


(Sharat Sabharwal)
Ambassador

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MOST IMMEDIATE/REMINDER

No.C/415/07/2001-JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

RM Section may please refer to this Division's Notes of even numbers dated 3rd July and 5th September, 2002 (copies enclosed) regarding procurement of the File No. 489(2)-CJK/49.

As the above file is urgently required for Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry, it is requested that the same may be sent to this Division on a priority basis.

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(M.P. Bhardwaj)
Under Secretary (EA)
Tel: 301 0716

SO (RM Section)

✓ Copy to NGO Section w.r.t. their note dated 02-Jul-02.

Under Secretary(EA)

8-11-2002

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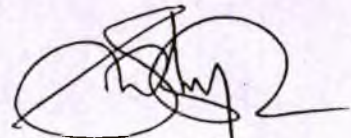
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Reference our telephonic conversation of date regarding procurement of the following file:-

File No. 489(2)-CJK/49 - Questions and Answers in the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislation) Regarding protest against execution of Marshal Tojo and others in view of Justice Pal's judgement

2. It is requested that the above mentioned file may be sent to this Division **urgently** as this has **to be forwarded to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry.**

3. As desired, the requisition slip in duplicate duly signed is being sent herewith. Grateful if the above mentioned file is handed over to the bearer of this note.



(Sibi George)

Deputy Secretary (JK)

Tel: 301 2847

Shri P.C. Pradhan, Assistant Director, National Archives of India,
Janpath, New Delhi.

MEA UO No.C/415/97/2001-JP dated 17-7-2002

Ref above:

Above referred F.No. 489(2)-CJK/49-
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MEA has not been received in this Dept
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National Archives of India
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No.C/415/07/2001-JP
Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Reference this Division's Note No.C/501/1/97-
Gen dated 18-09-2001 regarding procurement of the
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(M.P. Bhardwaj)

Under Secretary (EA)

Tel: 301 0716

SO (RM)

RM Section

Ref. note above:-

It is mentioned that the file
under reference had been transferred to NAI on
16.2.1995 for its scientific preservation. Hence,
EA Division is requested to contact Sh. P.C. Pradl
Assistant Director, NAI, Janpath, New Delhi. His
telephone number is - 338 95 98. / 3073007
Submitted please.

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**Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs**

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**SUBJECT: VISIT OF HON'BLE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION
IN JAPAN – EX POST FACTO SANCTION REGARDING.**

Reference this Ministry's U.O. of even No. dated 22.10.2002 on the subject mentioned above. Clarification as asked for may kindly be expedited to enable us to process the ex-post-facto sanction .


(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

Ministry of External Affairs (Attn: Shri Vijay Gokhale, Jt. Secy.(CNV), South
Block , New Delhi
MHA U.O.No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(V) dated 31.10.2002.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 31, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

(161)

Please refer to your letter No.8/2000/378 dated 17.10.02 regarding location of witnesses in Russia.

It has been mentioned that the Commission has not received any response from us on the issue. However, we would like to draw your attention to our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 3.12.2001 with which a detailed report of our Mission in Moscow regarding the efforts made by it to locate the witnesses was sent to you. Furthermore, in compliance with the directions of the Commission given in your letter of 8/2000/103 dated 25.5.01, an affidavit dated 14.12.01 was also submitted by us in this matter along with our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 14.12.2001.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

Copy for information to Shri Tarakeswar Pal, Senior Counsel to the Govt. of India in the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry



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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 30, 2002

Dear Sir,

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Government to inquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has requested us to furnish the names and addresses of all archives in the country of your accreditation and concurrent accreditation.

I would, therefore, be grateful if the desired information is sent to us at the earliest for onward transmission to the Commission.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Deepak Vohra
Ambassador of India
Yerevan

31/10/02



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 30, 2002

Dear Dinkar,

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Government to inquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has requested us to furnish the names and addresses of all archives in the country of your accreditation.

I would, therefore, be grateful if the desired information is sent to us at the earliest for onward transmission to the Commission.

Reg—

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Dinkar Khullar
Ambassador of India
Baku

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Best wishes

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri V.S.Verma
Ambassador of India
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 30, 2002

Dear Shri Om Prakash,

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Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Om Prakash
Ambassador of India
Bishkek

31/10/02



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 30, 2002

Dear Yogendra,

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Government to inquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has requested us to furnish the names and addresses of all archives in the country of your accreditation.

I would, therefore, be grateful if the desired information is sent to us at the earliest for onward transmission to the Commission.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Yogendra Kumar
Ambassador of India
Dushanbe

31/10/02



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 30, 2002

Dear *Shri Roy*,

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry appointed by the Government to inquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has requested us to furnish the names and addresses of all archives in the country of your accreditation.

I would, therefore, be grateful if the desired information is sent to us at the earliest for onward transmission to the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri R.M.Roy
Ambassador of India
Ashgabat

31/10/02



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri S. Kipgen
Ambassador of India
Kyiv

31/10/02



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 30, 2002

Dear Sharat,

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I would, therefore, be grateful if the desired information is sent to us at the earliest for onward transmission to the Commission.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Sharat Sabharwal
Ambassador of India
Tashkent



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 30, 2002

Dear Muthu,

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Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri B.R.Muthu Kumar
Ambassador of India
Belarus

31/10/02



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
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'B' Block (3rd floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

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jmcinscb@cal3.vsnl.net.in

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/ 385

October 22, 2002

Dear

Enclosed please find a copy of the d.o. letter no. Tok/102/03/01 dt. 20.9.2002 of Sri C. Rajsekhar, First Secretary, Embassy of India, Japan.

Drawing your notice to the last para of the aforesaid d.o. letter, I am to request you to kindly expedite issue of the necessary order according sanction for the expenditure incurred by the Embassy of Japan relating to the visit of the Commission to Japan. In this connection, a reference may be had to the Ministry of Home Affairs' U/O note MHA. U/O no. 1/2014/6/2001-IS (D III) dt. 13.9.02 to the Ministry of External Affairs. In that note, MEA was requested by the MHA to allow /incur expenditure relating to the visit of the Commission on airfare/accommodation/transport etc. as per entitlement and thereafter to seek ex-post-facto sanction of the MHA on the basis of actual expenses incurred.

I am, therefore, to request you to kindly do the needful for regularising the expenditure already incurred by the Embassy of Japan during the visit of the Commission to Japan.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Shri L.C.Goyale
Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi-110001.

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/ 385/1(2)

October 22, 2002,

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

- 1) Sri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 2) Sri C.Rajsekhar, First Secretary, Embassy of India, 2-11, Kundan - Minami
2-Chome, Chiyoda-Ku, Toktyo 102, Japan.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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C. Rajasekhar
First Secretary

Tok/102/03/01

September 20, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Hope you have reached back safely.

I am enclosing three video cassettes, which render recording of the proceedings at the Renkoji Temple on Monday, 16th September, 2002. you may kindly note that these cassettes are in NTSC format, which may kindly be converted into PAL format for viewing in India. Alternatively, these cassettes could also be played on multi-system VCR.

We have incurred various expenses, bona-fide, expecting the sanction. Grateful, kindly arrange to expedite the sanction, including for publishing the Public Notice (Yen 200,000), expenses for videography (Yen 88,200), hotel accommodation in Tokyo and Miyazaki, hiring of vehicles during the visit of the Hon'ble Commission, transportation to and fro Miyazaki and interpretation charges.

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Yours sincerely,

C. Rajasekhar
(C. Rajasekhar)

Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
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D.O. No. JMCI/Tour/99-2000/40/391

October 24, 2002

Dear

Sri Gokhale

Apropos the telephonic talk with you regarding the proposed meeting of the Hon'ble Chairman Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee with the Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs, Government of India, I am to inform you that the Hon'ble Chairman will be leaving Kolkata in the morning of 28.10.02 by IC 263 in order to meet the Hon'ble Minister at the appointed time i.e. 3 P.M. on the same day. He will be returning to Kolkata by the evening flight of the Indian Airlines on the same day (28.10.02).

I am to request you to kindly see that the Hon'ble Chairman is properly received when he will be arriving at the South Block for the said meeting.

An early reply in confirmation will be highly appreciated:

With warm regards,

Yours

Sincerely,
P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
 Secretary

To
 Shri Vijay Gokhale,
 Joint Secretary (CNV),
 Ministry of External Affairs,
 Government of India, South Block,
 New Delhi-110001.

Met on
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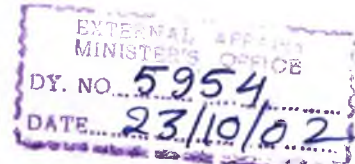
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D.O. No. JMCI/Chairman's Correspondence/2000-01/71/383

October 22, 2002

Dear Shri Gokhale,

I am directed to refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated October 09, 2002, which reached our hand yesterday (21.10.2002), regarding the desire of the Hon'ble Chairman to meet Minister of External Affairs and to say that the Hon'ble Chairman desires to meet the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs on any day in the next week in New Delhi.

I am, therefore, to request you to intimate as early as possible by FAX the date and time in the next week that may be fixed for the aforesaid meeting.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

(P.K. Sengupta)

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5 am has offered. 1600 hrs
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A.Vm
23/10/2002

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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T.Ps/Briefs sent. Of below.

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Ministry of External Affairs
(CNV Division)

MOST IMMEDIATE



subject: - **Call on EAM by Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman of the one-man Commission of Inquiry into the Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, on Monday 28 October 2002 at 3:00 pm**

As desired, the following are placed below for use by EAM during the forthcoming call:

- (i) Suggested Talking Points
- (ii) A brief on the work of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)
JS (CNV)
28.10.2002

✓ Director (EAMO)

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Ministry of External Affairs
(CNV Division)

CALL ON EAM BY MR. JUSTICE M.K.MUKHERJEE, CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON ENQUIRY ON THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE, ON MONDAY 28 OCTOBER 2002 AT 3:00 PM

SUGGESTED TALKING POINTS

Note: Mr. Justice Mukherjee's request for a meeting with EAM is in the nature of a courtesy call. The Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry for work related to the Commission of Inquiry. Assistance of MEA is sought for procuring documents relating to Netaji's disappearance with foreign governments and for facilitating the visits of the Commission to sites abroad. In December 2001, Prime Minister visited the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo, the site where the ashes believed to be Subhas Bose's are preserved. The Commission has recently returned from a visit to Tokyo (September 2002). They have examined witnesses, including the doctor who attended on Netaji after he was pulled out of the wreckage of the air-crash in Taipei. They had also asked the Embassy in Tokyo to pursue with concerned authorities to determine whether the ashes contain bone fragments that might be used for DNA testing. This has been done. **There appear to be some bone fragments.** These have also been digitally photographed. A report is on its way.

- EAM may like to assure Mr. Justice Mukherjee of MEA's continued assistance and cooperation in the completion of his inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji.
- EAM may also like to assure him that MEA will endeavour to obtain necessary documents available with foreign governments on the alleged disappearance of Netaji, required by the Commission of Inquiry. This is, of course, subject to their cooperation. EAM may also wish to say that the Commission would greatly facilitate this process, if it could give as many details of documents it requires,

since considerable time has elapsed and it is difficult for foreign governments to trace and locate them without specific details being provided. (Commission's requests have at times been too general for foreign governments to locate necessary documents).

- EAM may like to enquire about Mr. Justice Mukherjee's recent visit to Japan. In case he recalls that he has asked the Embassy to ascertain the presence of bone fragments in the ashes kept at Renkoji Temple, EAM may say that the Mission has already done the needful. There appear to be some bone fragments. A report is on its way.

Proposed Visit to Taiwan

Note: It is possible that Mr. Justice Mukherjee might raise with EAM the subject his proposed visit to Taiwan (Netaji is alleged to have died in an aircrash at Taipei Airport while Taiwan was under Japanese occupation). Our enquiries with authorities in Taipei have revealed that no documentation on his alleged death are available. Most of the sites – the airport, military field hospital, crematorium etc. – have also been re-developed. No living witnesses have been located. We have already informed Mr. Justice Mukherjee that our ability to facilitate his visit to Taipei is limited by the lack of diplomatic relations with Taiwan, but that we will assist them in whatever manner is possible.

- In case Justice Mukherjee raises this matter EAM may like to reiterate that our informal inquiries have revealed that information may be scarce. We are willing to facilitate their visit, should he decide to go, to the extent possible within our diplomatic limitations.

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**Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section**

Background Note on Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

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2. The Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal Ministry for the work related to the Commission.

3. The Joint Secretary(CNV) has been designated as the nodal officer for assisting the Commission in so far as MEA is concerned.

4. The Commission has, in the course of its inquiry, asked for various documents and relevant information, including some from different countries like the USA, Russia and UK. We have made every effort to give to the Commission whatever information/documents were available in the records of the Ministry, and , through our concerned Missions, documents available in various archives/institutions abroad and information as desired by the Commission. A number of files and documents have already been provided to the Commission. However, difficulties have been faced in obtaining all the documents desired by the Commission from foreign countries mainly because the Commission's requests have been general in nature, without specifying the details of the documents, and sometimes, on account of procedural hurdles in respective countries. The Commission has been fully apprised of the position in this matter in each case.

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To Indembassy Tokyo (Fax No. 0081-03-3234-4866)

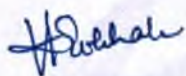
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No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII


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Joint Secretary(CNV)
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**SUBJECT: VISIT OF HON'BLE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE
COMMISSION IN JAPAN - EX POST FACTO
SANCTION REGARDING.**

Please refer to MEA's D.O.No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 24/9/02 regarding ex-post-facto sanction of the expenditure incurred by the Embassy of India, Tokyo during visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

It is observed from the TeleFax received from Embassy of India that interpreter was engaged on 15th and 16th September, 02 and the expenditure @ 70,000 Yen as intimated earlier vide MEA's endorsement of even number dated 2/9/02 comes to 1,40,000 Yen whereas it has been shown as 215,000 Yen in that TeleFax under reference.

MEA is requested to kindly furnish a clarification before the proposal is processed further.


(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER
TELE No.3093634

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Please ~~process~~ examine.
23/10/02

Ch. Sen

Ministry of External Affairs (Attn: Shri Vijay Gokhale, Jt. Secy. (CNV), South
Block, New Delhi
MHA UO No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(V) dated 22/10.2002

Office of Secretary (FAA)

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Date: 22/10/02

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Kolkata, dated, 17th Oct. '02.

From : Shri P. K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001.

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JS(FA)

Sir,

With reference to the Commission's registered letter No. 8/2000/103 dated 25th May, 2001, I am directed to say that no communication has yet been received from your end in the matter.

I am, therefore, directed to request you again to kindly make further endeavours to locate the witnesses mentioned in the Commission's letter No. JMCI/8/2000/591 dated March 1, 2001 and thereafter file an affidavit expeditiously as per Commission's letter dated 25.05.2001 under reference.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

In your
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What is this about?

JS(CNU) 24/10
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 29, 2002

Dear Vikas,

This is regarding the release of classified documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose which have been requisitioned by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

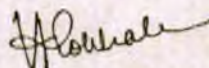
As you are aware, during the visit of the Commission to the UK in July, 2001, the FCO had handed over a note to Justice Mukherjee which revealed that there are some papers in the British Records which have not yet been released. In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to your fax message of 18.12.2001 forwarding the reply of 14.12.2001 of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office on this issue. We had forwarded the FCO's reply to the Commission.

During his visit to the UK, Justice Mukherjee had personally requested Lord Peter Archer to take up the matter of release of the documents with the Lord Chancellor with whose orders the said documents have been withheld. Lord Archer has informed the Commission that the Lord Chancellor had not agreed to the release of the documents. He has, however, advised that it would be more appropriate to take up the issue through diplomatic channels. This matter was also discussed by Justice Mukherjee during his recent meeting with EAM.

We would, therefore, request you to take up the matter once again with the British authorities at the appropriate level to seek the release of the documents for the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

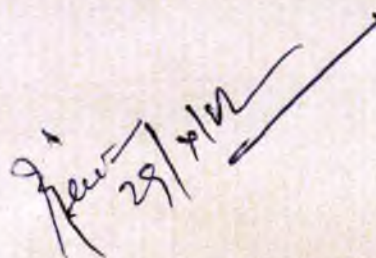
Regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri Vikas Swarup,
Counsellor(Pol)
High Commission of India,
London





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October 22, 2002

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I am, therefore, to request you to intimate as early as possible by FAX the date and time in the next week that may be fixed for the aforesaid meeting.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

P. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)

To
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New Delhi-110001.

*3 p.m. on 28/10/02
has been fixed
by EAMO.
This has been
conveyed to
JMC in writing.
They've also
confirmed.*

Sh. Sen

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No. 25/4/NGO – VolVIII (Part)
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked us to furnish various details regarding a speech broadcast on Radio Moscow by a student in the name of Subhas Chandra after the Tashkent Agreement. A scrutiny of the files of EA Division sent to this Section has revealed that there exists a file (no. C/125/11/69-JP) bearing the subject "Parliament Question regarding broadcast by Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on Radio Moscow". This file was one of those sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs in 1970 in connection with the Justice Khosla Commission of Inquiry. Since this file seems to be relevant to the issue under reference, we may request EA Division to send it to us urgently.

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28/10/02

~~JS(CNV)~~

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 28, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceeding(Follow-Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/300 dated 3.9.02 regarding submission of counter-affidavit or affidavit-in-opposition.

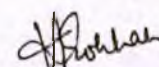
We would like to inform you that with reference to the petition of 25.5.2001 filed by Shri Nandalal Chakrabarty which was forwarded with the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Affidavit-Averments(Follow-up)/2000-2001/67/132 dated 30.5.2001, we had submitted an affidavit to the Commission along with our letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 2.4.2002 regarding the record of the interview of Shri K.P.S.Menon with Stalin.

Following a scrutiny of the documents listed at Annexure-01 to the said petition of Shri Nandalal Chakrabarti, it was found that the following documents are available in our files:

- (a) reply of Lord Mountbatten dated 10.3.1978 to Shri N.G.Goray, the then High Commission in London
- (b) Cremation Certificate supposedly of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.
- (c) Report dated 28.10.1949 of "Interpress" a German intelligence magazine.
- (d) Resolution of the UN General Assembly and India's ratification in 1971 of the Convention on the Non-Applicability of the Statutory Limitations to War Crimes

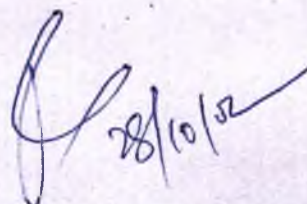
On the basis of the documents listed above, there does not appear to be any point against which an affidavit is required to be submitted by this Ministry. However, if the Commission so desires, we could send certified copies of the documents at (a) & (b) above. Incidentally, these are available in our files No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.III & Vol.IV, respectively, copies of which are already available with the Commission. As regards the document at (c), though it is available in our file, it is in the form of an enclosure to a resolution of the All India Forward Bloc dated 24.8.1990 and, therefore, this Ministry will not be in a position to certify its authenticity. Regarding (d), the requisite information/documents were forwarded to the Commission vide our letter of even number dated 22.8.2002.

Yours sincerely,


(Vijay Gokhale)

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Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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Dated 25th October, 2002

Ref: JMCI letter No. (i) Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/316 dated 6.9.02
(ii) Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/320 dated 6.9.02

Sir,

With reference to the Commission's letter at (i) above, we are enclosing herewith a copy of our response in the matter which we had sent direct to Ministry of Home Affairs in response to their U.O. of 19.7.02.

Regarding the Commission's second letter under reference, it is informed that we have already replied vide our letter of even number dated 19.8.02.

Yours faithfully,

(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)

Encl: as above



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Shri P.K.Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
Kolkata (Fax No. 033-2522765)

October 24, 2002

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter of today regarding proposed meeting of the Hon'ble Chairman, Mr. Justice M.K.Mukherjee with the External Affairs Minister.

This is to confirm that the External Affairs Minister will meet the Hon'ble Chairman at the appointed time of 3 P.M. on 28th October, 2002.

Yours faithfully,

Mitra
for (Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary (CNU)



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FAX MESSAGE

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
Kolkata (Fax No. 033-2522765)

October 24, 2002

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter of today regarding proposed meeting of the Hon'ble Chairman, Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee with the External Affairs Minister.

This is to confirm that the External Affairs Minister will meet the Hon'ble Chairman at the appointed time of 3 P.M. on 28th October, 2002.

Yours faithfully,

Mitra
for (Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary (ENV)

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D.O. No. JMCI/Tour/99-2000/40/391

October 24, 2002

Dear *Sri Gokhale*

Apropos the telephonic talk with you regarding the proposed meeting of the Hon'ble Chairman Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee with the Hon'ble Minister for External Affairs, Government of India, I am to inform you that the Hon'ble Chairman will be leaving Kolkata in the morning of 28.10.02 by IC 263 in order to meet the Hon'ble Minister at the appointed time i.e. 3 P.M. on the same day. He will be returning to Kolkata by the evening flight of the Indian Airlines on the same day (28.10.02).

I am to request you to kindly see that the Hon'ble Chairman is properly received when he will be arriving at the South Block for the said meeting.

An early reply in confirmation will be highly appreciated.

With warm regards,

Yours

Sincerely,
P. K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.



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October 22, 2002

Dear

Enclosed please find a copy of the d.o. letter no. Tok/102/03/01 dt. 20.9.2002 of Sri C. Rajsekhar, First Secretary, Embassy of India, Japan.

Drawing your notice to the last para of the aforesaid d.o. letter, I am to request you to kindly expedite issue of the necessary order according sanction for the expenditure incurred by the Embassy of Japan relating to the visit of the Commission to Japan. In this connection, a reference may be had to the Ministry of Home Affairs' U/O note MHA. U/O no. V/2014/6/2001-IS (D III) dt. 13.9.02 to the Ministry of External Affairs. In that note, MEA was requested by the MHA to allow /incur expenditure relating to the visit of the Commission on airfare/accommodation/transport etc. as per entitlement and thereafter to seek ex-post-facto sanction of the MHA on the basis of actual expenses incurred.

I am, therefore, to request you to kindly do the needful for regularising the expenditure already incurred by the Embassy of Japan during the visit of the Commission to Japan.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Shri L.C.Goyale
Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi-110001.

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/

October 22, 2002,

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

- ✓ 1) Sri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi-110001.
- 2) Sri C.Rajsekhar, First Secretary, Embassy of India, 2-11, Kundan - Minami
2—Chome, Chiyoda-Ku, Tokyo 102, Japan.

[Signature]
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary



C. Rajasekhar
First Secretary



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Tok/102/03/01

September 20, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Hope you have reached back safely.

I am enclosing three video cassettes, which render recording of the proceedings at the Renkoji Temple on Monday, 16th September, 2002. you may kindly note that these cassettes are in NTSC format, which may kindly be converted into PAL format for viewing in India. Alternatively, these cassettes could also be played on multi-system VCR.

We have incurred various expenses, bona-fide, expecting the sanction. Grateful, kindly arrange to, expedite the sanction, including for publishing the Public Notice (Yen 200,000), expenses for videography (Yen 88,200), hotel accommodation in Tokyo and Miyazaki, hiring of vehicles during the visit of the Hon'ble Commission, transportation to and fro Miyazaki and interpretation charges.

Best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(C. Rajasekhar)

Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 22, 2002

Dear *Shri Goyal,*

Please refer to my D.O. of even number dated 24th September, 2002 regarding issue of ex post facto sanction for the expenditure connected with the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

I shall be grateful if you could expedite the issue of the sanction to enable us communicate the same to our Mission in Tokyo at an early date.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri L.C.Goyal
Joint Secretary(IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
New Delhi



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 21, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

S.No.(147)

Please refer to your letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/348 dated 27.9.02 regarding names and addresses of all archives in Russia.

The requisite information as received from our Mission in Moscow is sent herewith as desired. As regards the list of archives in the other States which previously belonged to the erstwhile USSR, we have approached our concerned Missions to obtain the information.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

To

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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| For | Shri B.R. Dhiman Under Secretary | From | C. Rajasekhar First Secretary |
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Subject: Visit of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission to Japan

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Kindly refer to Ministry of Home Affairs' UO No.I/12014/6/2001 (D.III) dated 13th September, 2002 regarding visit of Justice M.K. Mukherjee (Rtd.), Chairman and Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan for examination of witness pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

US/NSO

The Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission visited Japan from 14th-18th September, 2002, as scheduled. We had made all the necessary arrangements, as required by the Hon'ble Commission. The Hon'ble Commission was very happy with the arrangements.

Please put up a reminder to MHA.

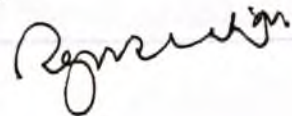
We have incurred expenses relating to transport, accommodation, interpretation and photography etc., as per the following:

- MHA
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- (i) Accommodation charge for stay on 14th, 15th & 17th September in Tokyo : Yen 232,740
(Rs.96,992 approx.)
 - (ii) Accommodation charge for 16th September for stay at Miyazaki : Yen 93,091
(Rs.38,788 approx.)
 - (iii) Expenditure for public notice in Japan Times: Yen 200,000
(Rs. 83,333 approx.)

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- (iv) Hiring of an interpreter for 15th & 16th Sept : Yen 215,000
(Rs.89,583 approx.)
 - (v) Charge for videography at Renkoji Temple : Yen 88,200
on 15th September, 2002 (Rs.36,750 approx.)
 - (vi) Air tickets for the sector Tokyo-Miyazaki- : Yen 212,000
Tokyo (Rs.88,333 approx)
 - (vii) Transportation charge in Miyazaki : Yen 53,500
(for 15th & 16th September, 2002) (Rs. 22,292)
 - (viii) Transportation charge in Tokyo
(for 14th, 17th and 18th September, 2002) Still awaited.
(Sanction on actual basis may kindly be conveyed for this)

Grateful, kindly arrange to convey ex-post facto financial sanction for items (i) to (viii), at the earliest.

Regards,



(C. Rajasekhar)

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Reference NGO Section's notes dated 16th July and 16th August, 2002 regarding non-availability of File No.C/551/7/92-JP(KW) of EA Division required for Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry:

2. It may be mentioned that all the files available in EA Division pertaining to Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose were transferred to NGO Section alongwith File No.C/551/7/92-JP (KW) as per serial number 19 in the enclosed list in the year 2000, vide US (JK)'s note dated 7th December, 2000.

3. However, we have again made thorough efforts to locate this or any other file on Disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose or pertaining to Mukherjee Commission. As of today we have only one file bearing number C/415/3/96-JP on Ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in the Section.

(Sunil Kumar)
Assistant
19-09-2002

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Is 'X' above correct?

NGO Section

The document mentioned at 'X' above which was transferred to us was only the KW to F.No. C/551/7/92-JP and not the main file (No. C/551/7/92-JP). The subject mentioned against the document at S.No. 19 of the list given by the EA Divn. clearly substantiates the fact that this was only the folder (KW) and not the main file which is also required to be sent to the Justice Mukherjee Commission, but has not been transferred to us by EA Division.

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In case the main file (No. C/SSI/7/92-JP) is not available/traceable with the EA Division, they may please confirm to enable us suitably reply to the Commission.

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EAST ASIA DIVISION
JK SECTION

Ref above. As mentioned in this Div's note on Prepage, this file is not available in the EA div. A thorough search has once again been made. However, the file has not been found. As mentioned all the records pertaining to the subject have already been transferred to NGO Sec. NGO may kindly see for 2/a if.

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US(NGO)

Please put up a note to JS(CNV) seeking his instructions. The required file seems to be untraceable.

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No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/348

Kolkata, dated, 27.9.02.

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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I am directed to refer to the Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Study(PMO)/Follow Up/2002-03/84/257 dated August 14, 2002 and to request you to kindly send immediately a complete list of the names and addresses of all the archives in the Russian Union as called for in the letters dated 21.06.2002 and 14.08.2002 of the Commission.

I am further directed to request you to kindly send immediately also a complete list of the names and addresses of all the archives in the other States which previously belonged to the erstwhile USSR.

This is dealt by the CNV Division. We may forward this to JS (CNV).

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. MOS/POL/125/11/90

23 September, 2002

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated 22 August 2002 regarding names and addresses of archives in Russia requested by the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

n.a.-fr. 2. We had requested Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation for the requisite information. Please find attached list of names of archives along with addresses as provided by the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(D.B. Venkatesh Varma)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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List of Archives

| | | |
|----|---|------|
| 1. | State Archive of the Russian Federation (GARF), 119817, Moscow, Bolshaya Pirogovskaya Street 17 | NA |
| 2. | Russian State Archive of Socio-Political History (RGASPJ) 103821, Moscow, Bolshaya Dmitrovka Street, 15 | |
| 3. | Central Archive of the Federal Security Bureau 101100, Moscow, Kuznetsky Most Street, 24 | → NA |
| 4. | President's Archive (APRF) 103132, Moscow, Staraya Square 4 | |
| 5. | Russian State Archive of Modern History (RGANI) 103132, Moscow, Ilyinka Street, Entrance 8 | ✓ |
| 6. | Archive of Foreign Policy of Russia – Historical Documentation Department of MFA of the Russian Federation (AVPRF) 121200, Smolenskaya-Sennaya Square, 32/34 | ✓ |
| 7. | Central State Archives of the Defence Ministry of the Russian Federation 142100, Moscow region, Podolsk Town, Korova Street, House 74 | NA |
| 8. | Russian State Archives of Audio-Photo Documents (RGACFD) 143400, Moscow region, Krasnogovsk town, Rechnaya Street, 1 | |



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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated October 9, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This has reference to your communication of 26th September regarding the desire of the Hon'ble Chairman to meet the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs.

I would like to inform you that the desired meeting could not be scheduled because of the Minister's prior engagements. Should, however, the Chairman desire to meet the External Affairs Minister during his next visit to Delhi, the matter can be examined at that time.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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D.O No. JMCU/2000-01/71/341

September 26, 2002

Dear *Sri Gokhale*,

Please recall my telephonic talk with you to-day morning about the desire of the Hon'ble Chairman to meet the Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs in the next week in New Delhi. I am to request you to kindly send your reply by Fax as early as possible.

Warm regards,

Yours *Sincerely,*

(P.K. Sengupta)

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.



Biren Nanda
Deputy Chief of Mission



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No.TOK/102/03/01

September 20, 2002

Subject: Visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission to Tokyo

Dear Nalin,

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose visited Japan from September 14-18, 2002. Justice Mukherjee was accompanied on the visit by Mr. PK Sengupta, the Secretary of the Commission. A programme for the visit of the Commission to Japan is enclosed with this letter.

Shri Subrata Bose, Hon'ble Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and nephew of Netaji, Dr. Madhusudan Pal and Shri Kamal Das assistant to Shri Subrata Bose also visited Japan – their visit coincided that of the Hon'ble Commission – as an interested party in the proceedings of the Commission.

An informal interaction of the Justice Mukherjee Commission with Netaji's surviving Japanese associates was held at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo on Monday, September 16, 2002. The session lasted for two hours and was followed by the examination of the urn, allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji. All Japanese associates of Netaji present at the meeting and Rev. Mochijuki, Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple, Mr. Hayashi, the Secretary of the Bose Academy and Mr. Okuda, who had helped organise the interaction, re-affirmed their strong belief that the ashes were those of Netaji and urged the Hon'ble Commission to quickly conclude its deliberations and present a report that would result in the ashes being returned to India. The Japanese associates of Netaji also reiterated that they were getting old and this lent a sense of urgency to their request. A list of those present at the interaction and a transcript of the proceedings is enclosed for the Ministry's record. The interaction in Renkoji Temple was organised with the blessings of the Foreign Office and two Foreign Office officials – Mr. Taga, Assistant Director in the Southwest Asia Division, MOFA and Mr. Yokote, an official in the same Division were present during the proceedings.

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The Commission visited Miyazaki on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 to record the deposition of Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi who claimed to have attended Netaji after the plane crash on August 18, 1945. Dr. Yoshimi was the only witness to be examined by the Justice Mukherjee Commission from amongst those who had deposed before the Shah Nawaz Committee and the Khosla Commission. Dr. Yoshimi maintained that he treated Netaji and when he passed away, he applied for a death certificate in his original name i.e. Subash Chandra Bose. However, extract from the cremation register forwarded by the Japanese Foreign Office in 1956 gave the name of the deceased as Ichiro Okura. Dr. Yoshimi stated under oath that he had not applied for such a certificate, as he never knew Mr. Okura.

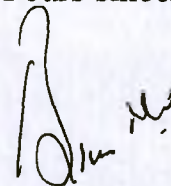
✓ The Commission also left a letter addressed to Ambassador requesting him to ascertain whether the ashes contained any bones, which could be used for the purposes of a DNA test.

I hosted a lunch in honour of the Commission and the Japanese associates of Netaji after the interaction at the Renkoji Temple on September 16, 2002. On the evening of September 17, a prominent member of the Indian community in Tokyo, Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, who is also the representative of the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation hosted a dinner in honour of the Hon'ble Commission.

I have forwarded a brief report on the deliberations and visit of the Commission for the Ministry's information only. This may kindly be retained in the Ministry. This record is based on a report prepared by Mr. C. Rajasekhar, First Secretary (Political) who accompanied the Commission on its deliberations in Tokyo and Miyazaki.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



(Biren Nanda)

Shri Nalin Surie
Joint Secretary (EA),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block, New Delhi

Encls: As above.

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**Embassy of India
Tokyo**

**Programme for the Visit of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission to
Japan**

Saturday, 14th September, 2001:

0800 hrs: Arrival Narita airport by Air India flight No.AI-306

Departure for Hotel New Otani (Phone:3265-1111, Fax: 3221-2619)

Programme as convenient (May visit Hibiya Park, Imperial Hotel, Kamakura)

Kamakura: Kamakura was the ancient Capital of Japan and a place of historical and cultural significance.

Sunday, 15th September, 2001:

1000 hrs: Visit Justice Pal (Shimonaka) Museum in Hakone (It is one and half hours drive from the Hotel, depending on the traffic condition)

May visit Zushi (**Zushi:** The Nippon Vedanta Society (Japan chapter of Ramakrishna Mission) is located in Zushi).

Monday, 16th September, 2002:

1000 hrs: Departure for Renkoji Temple

1030 hrs: Reach Renkoji Temple

1100 hrs: Informal interaction with Netaji's associates

1300 hrs: Departure for Chancery

1330 hrs: Lunch hosted by Shri Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission

1545 hrs: Departure for Haneda airport

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1735 hrs: Departure for Miyazaki by ANA-613

1910 hrs: Arrival at Miyazaki

Stay at Hotel Sheraton Grande Ocean Resort, Miyazaki (Phone:
0985-21-1133, Fax: 0985-21-1239)

Tuesday, 17th September, 2002:

0800 hrs: Deposition of Dr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi

1300 hrs: Departure for Miyazaki airport

1500 hrs: Departure for Tokyo by SNA-118

1630 hrs: Arrival at Haneda airport

1900 hrs: Dinner hosted by Shri Tanmoy Banerjee, Prominent Indian

Wednesday, 18th September, 2002:

0900 hrs: Departure Hotel for Narita airport

1200 hrs: Departure Narita for India by Air India flight No. AI-305

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List of Persons who attended informal interaction with Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission at the Renkoji Temple on 16th September, 2002

| Sl No. | Name | Age | Remarks |
|--------|---------------------|-----|--|
| 1 | Mr. Shigeru Aoyagi | 90 | Army doctor stationed in Singapore |
| 2 | Mr. Takehiko Abe | 86 | Involved with the establishment of Indian National Army on the military side |
| 3 | Mr. Tatsuo Izumi | 83 | Worked in Hikari Kikan for Indian National Army |
| 4 | Mr. Shigemoto Okuda | 79 | Accompanied Netaji in Singapore and Bangkok |
| 5 | Mr. Gaku Kuwahara | 83 | Military liaison officer between Japanese Imperial Army and Indian National Army |
| 6 | Ms. Matsushima | 75 | Her mother attended to the INA cadets and Indian students in Japan |
| 7 | Mr. Masao Hayashi | - | Liaison officer between Japanese Imperial Army and Indian National Army |
| 8 | Mr. Chikarou Fujii | 86 | Information In-Charge of Hikari Kikan |
| 9 | Mr. Ito | - | Netaji's Associate |
| 10. | Rev. Mochizuki | | Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple |
| 11. | Mrs. Mochizuki | | Wife of the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple |
| 12 | Mr. Taga | | Assistant Director, South-west Asia Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| 13. | Mr. Yokote | | Official, Southwest Asia Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. |

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| 14. | Shri P.K. Sengupta | - | Secretary to the Hon'ble Commission |
| 15 | Shri Subrata Bose | - | MLA, West Bengal Legislative Assembly (Who is also a nephew of Netaji) |
| 16 | Dr. Madhusudan Pal | - | - |
| 17. | Shri Kamal Das | - | - |

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**Embassy of India
Tokyo**

Subject: Details of informal interaction of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission with Netaji's Associates at Renkoji Temple on September 16, 2002

At the outset, Mr. Shigemoto Okuda, an associate of Netaji introduced all those present to the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission. A copy of all those present in the interaction is enclosed. The interaction went on as following:

Mr. Takehiko Abe: Introducing himself to the Commission, Mr. Abe thanked the Justice Mukherjee Commission, who had come from India to Japan to find out the facts concerning the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as well as the ashes of the Netaji. He used to be the Head of one of the military wings of the Japanese Imperial Army's office in Malaysia, called the Hikari Kikan. As of date, he is the oldest member living from among the Netaji's associates. Indicating to Rev. Mochizuki, who was sitting next to him, he said that Rev. Mochizuki was responsible for keeping Netaji's ashes for approximately 57 years since the end of World War II. He also said that Mr. Hayashi, Secretary, Bose Institute and Mrs. Matsushima had been making substantial financial contributions to the Renkoji temple for preservation of the ashes of Netaji. He hoped that the enquiry would be an extensive one and during the enquiry, the Commission would be able to gather such material and documents as would enable it to prove the death of the Netaji. He sincerely hoped that the ashes of Netaji would be returned to the citizens of India as soon as possible.

Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee: The Hon'ble Justice first thanked all those present for their cooperation in finding the truth. He also thanked Rev. Mochizuki and others present for taking so much interest in the affairs of India and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose after so many years. He further added that in 1956, a Committee was constituted to find out how Netaji died. This committee was constituted consisting of a very close associate of Netaji, Mr. Shah Nawaz Khan. The second member was Mr. S.N. Mitra and the third member of the Committee was Mr. Suresh Chandra Bose, an ICS officer and the brother of Netaji. The Committee, by a majority verdict, gave a finding that Netaji died in the plane crash. But his brother differed

with that view and said that the story of accident was not correct. After that, some people thought that those findings were not correct and, therefore, in 1970, a one-member Justice Khoshla Commission was appointed. The Commission, after recording findings of witnesses at different places, including in Japan, gave a finding in 1974 confirming the earlier finding and said that Netaji indeed died in the plane crash. In spite of the finding of the Committee and the Commission, some people in India in general and some Members of Parliament in particular did not agree with the view that Netaji died in the plane crash. In 1978, Shri Morajri Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, said that there were some contemporary records which threw doubt about the death of Netaji in the accident. Since then, the controversy was going on until the Legislative Assembly of West Bengal passed a unanimous resolution that a fresh enquiry might be ordered as to the circumstances leading to the disappearance and death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Subsequently, a petition was also filed in the Calcutta High Court by a follower of Netaji for asking the Government of India to hold a fresh inquiry. Then the Government of India constituted the present Commission of Inquiry to find the following:

- (1) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (2) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (3) Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (4) If he is alive, his whereabouts

After this Commission was constituted according to our procedure, we invited statements from different parties through public notifications. Now we have got more than 60 statements in which different versions have been given. While some say he died in the plane crash, other say he did not die in the plane crash, he fled to Russia. Some also say that he is in India.

Amongst the parties, who are strongly refuting plane crash theory, are present here:

- (1) Mr. Subrata Bose, son of Shri Sarat Chandra Bose and nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
- (2) Dr. Madhusudan Pal, a renowned surgeon in Calcutta, taking active interest in Netaji.

In the enquiry, we have examined more than 80 witnesses, received documents in India, and had been to London to see documents in different

libraries. We have also got from Russia documents in Russian language. We are translating them into English. So far as the British Government was concerned, even though we have seen a number of documents, there are some more documents also, which they have kept as classified and they said that they are not going to disclose the documents before the year 2021. Now, at this stage, we have come here to interact with people and to examine Dr. Taneyosi Yoshimi at Miyazaki, who attended the Netaji after the plane crash.

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Rev. Mochizuki: First of all, thank you very much for coming here today. If I report of what happened before 18th September, 1945, my father, as he was the previous Chief Priest of this temple, held the funeral for Netaji within this temple. During the funeral, there were some more people present, including some from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, some from the Indian National Army and a number of Netaji's associates, who were present here during the funeral. We held the funeral under the understanding that we had received the ashes of Netaji, who was a very important person, who contributed to the Independence of India and since then my father, the people around us and I have been strongly believing that we have the ashes of Netaji and we have been keeping Netaji's ashes here for more than 50 years and we have been holding memorial services as appropriate. Two times before this, Commissions of Inquiry came to this temple and at both the occasions my father mentioned that he strongly believed that he had with him the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and since you have come once again for the Inquiry, once again I say that the two of us – my father and I – have been keeping the ashes with the strong belief that the ashes are of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. It is not only our personal belief. We have got the cooperation of the Indian Embassy, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Bose Institute in Japan and every year the anniversary of Netaji's death, we have been holding memorial services under the belief that we have, indeed, the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Under this belief we have preserved his ashes so far.

Ms. Matsushima: Netaji died on 18th August, 1945 and his ashes arrived here and a funeral was held here on 18th September, 1945. I clearly recall what happened at that time. I was 18 years old and was living with my mother. My mother was taking care of Indian students in Japan and the cadets of the Indian National Army, chosen by Netaji Bose, who were living at a place close to here, called Ogikubo. I saw for myself the ashes of Netaji and strongly believe that the ashes in this temple are indeed of Netaji's.

After greeting Rev. Mochizuki, Mr. Okuda, Mrs. Matsushima, Justice Mukherjee and others Shri Subrata Bose introduced himself and said the following:

I am Subrata Bose, a nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and a Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. I am very happy to have this opportunity to meet all of you here, especially Mr. Okuda and the other gentlemen who were associated with Netaji in Japan and Mrs. Matsushima, daughter of Ms. Emori, about whom I have heard a lot from Mr. and Mrs. Anand Mohan Sahai. The Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee has explained to you in detail the circumstances, which led the Government of India to appoint another Commission of Inquiry. I must state with due respect to all of you that many members of my family, including myself are of the view that it is still not established that Netaji died in the air crash at Taipei on 18th August, 1945 and consequently, I have doubts about the ashes which are being maintained here. The question of taking the ashes back to India, at present, does not arise and we have to wait for the conclusion of the Commission's work and the report to be submitted to the Government of India. I must thank all of you most sincerely for the respect that you are showing to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and maintaining and keeping the ashes which you believe to be that of Natani, in such a nice manner all these years. I sincerely hope that this question will once for all be resolved by the Hon'ble Commission in due course. I like to seek one information from Rev. Mochizuki. We have seen press reports that in 1989 (September) Renkoji temple was completely destroyed by fire. The newspaper report appeared in one of the newspapers in India. But this was not denied at that time. The Commission has a record of that newspaper. Was Rev. Mochizuki here in 1989?

Rev. Mochizuki: Of course, I was here as the Chief Priest of the temple and actually this temple was built in 1983.

Shri Bose: If the so-called ashes came in 1945, there was no attempt to build a temple earlier?

Rev. Mochizuki: Before 1983, there was the old temple.

Shri Bose: Was it completely demolished and rebuilt?

Rev. Mochizuki: The old building was completely demolished and rebuilt.

Mr. Okuda: All the people present here today are shocked at the statement by Mr. Bose. If you do not mind, I would like to say a few words. I was the youngest member of Netaji's INA and Hikari Kikan. I was present at the forefront during the war, with the INA soldiers and the soldiers of the Japanese Imperial Army fighting in Imphal. I was a member of the Tactics and Intelligence Unit. The Hon'ble Commission will go to meet Dr. Yoshimi tomorrow at 0800 hours and he is the only witness, who attended the Netaji and he is, of course, the most important witness.

At this stage, Mr. Okuda gave some documents to Hon'ble Justice and said that some other relatives of Netaji like Mrs. Krishna Bose and Mr. Sugata Bose came here last month and this is a copy of the letter that was submitted to Mrs. Krishna Bose. In 1996, I had the opportunity to participate in the ceremony for the 100th anniversary of Netaji, which was held in Calcutta. The Minister of External Affairs was hosting the ceremony. I was very surprised to see some demonstration of an extremist group at the ceremony and the ceremony was postponed. I was shocked. And then in 1977 a ceremony was held and Mr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the then President of India hosted this ceremony with the Prime Minister and opposition leaders of that time. A leader of the INA, Col. Dhillon gave a short speech in which he said that some people in India had mentioned that the ashes kept at Renkoji temple in Japan were not the real ashes of Netaji. But please note that after the war, many comrades of Netaji as well as some people who respect Netaji have been visiting the temple not only on the anniversaries but every day and also they have been protecting the ashes. This fact says that the ashes kept in Renkoji temple are indeed the ashes of Netaji. Last December, the current Prime Minister Mr. Vajpayee visited this temple and I mentioned to the Hon'ble Prime Minister that all of Netaji's associates were getting old and I happened to be the youngest one and since I am touching 80, we sincerely hope that Netaji's ashes will be sent back to his home in India and be kept in peace. The Prime Minister said that he had the same feeling as of mine. I, who am the youngest associate, of Netaji, am here today, but for past two months, I have been in hospital. I escaped from the hospital this morning, for which I obtained permission but I had to do it as it is a very important meeting.

Mr. Abe: I have a question to the Hon'ble Justice. Together with Netaji was Col. Rehman in the same plane. Is Mr. Rehman still alive?

Mr. Bose: He is dead. He was examined by the first Committee but not by the second (Khosla Commission) as he was dead by that time. As I said

earlier, many members of my family, including myself hold a different view on this matter. Mrs. Krishna Bose, who had come here a month back, came to the family by marriage. As you know, the present Government of India, under the Prime Ministership of Shri Vajpayee has appointed this Commission to hold a fresh inquiry. I have two more questions:

- (1) Was the old temple at the same place before this temple was built in 1983?
- (2) Can you give names of a few persons who brought the ashes from Tokyo to this temple? He died on 18th August and ashes came here on 18th September, who brought the ashes to the temple?

Mr. Hayashi: You mentioned Mr. Bose that a lot of members of your family do not believe that Netaji is not dead. I would like to share with you the following information:

Two years ago I received a phone call from Ms. Anita Bose mentioning that Netaji's wife and mother had the understanding that she would not be living longer and the ashes should be brought back to India. Then we received a letter from Anita mentioning that Anita's mother strongly hoped that the ashes would be brought back and had requested Government of India to arrange return of the ashes to India. We are deeply shocked to hear that there are many who still believe that Netaji is still alive and you have asked the question, who brought Netaji's ashes to this temple. It seems nobody has answered the question yet. But before that we would like to ask you as to what is the point of asking this question.

Mr. Kuwahara: In 1956 Col. Khan came to Japan as the Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry. Mr. Khan was a Colonel in the Indian National Army and I was working as the liaison office at that time and we fought together in the War. I went to the Indian Embassy, which was, at that time, in front of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo and asked for a meeting with Col. Khan. He did not have so much time, but Col. Khan was able to spare a day with us and he was staying at the Imperial Hotel and we went to the restaurant together with Dr. Yoshimi as well. Col. Khan thanked us and appreciated for being able to record a very good statement from both of us and he appreciated and said that he understood the circumstances for Netaji's death.

Shri Bose: With due respect to all of you I repeat once again that at present, some members of the family still feel that it is not established that he died here and we shall await the report of the Commission.

Mr. Hayashi: I want to mention that I was a very good friend of Col. Khan and at that time we used to work for the Hikari Kikan. All of us held a welcome party and farewell party for Col. Khan. He was very happy to attend the party. During the party he mentioned that he believed that the ashes were indeed of Netaji's. At the international airport, Mr. Suresh Chandra Bose, a brother of Netaji said that he did not believe that Netaji is dead and Col. Khan was furious to hear this.

Mr. Okuda: Mr. Kuwahara and Mr. Fujii mentioned that Dr. Yoshimi is the only witness, who is still alive. Mr. Yoshimi will be waiting for you at 0800 hours tomorrow morning and he will be welcoming all the members of the Commission.

Mr. Hayashi: Warrant Officer Iyaki and Radio Operator Tominaga died after being hospitalized and I saw Lt. Gen. Nonogaki afterwards and Netaji passed away at 11.14 p.m. and a total of 8 people were present at the time of Netaji's death. There was Dr. Yoshimi, whom you will see tomorrow. There was Col. Khan and two other nurses.

Justice Mukharjee: What is the document you are reading from and will you give us a copy of that?

Mr. Hayashi: I have prepared this document based on my own investigation and I will be very happy to give you a copy. (A copy has since been obtained).

Justice Mukherjee: What is the base of your investigation.

Mr. Hayashi: This report was hand-written by me as a result of my investigation and Mr. Havashida's, Mr. Hayashida is the person, who brought Netaji's ashes from Taiwan. He was very enthusiastic of this case and he has written a book about Netaji. Unfortunately, he passed away two years ago.

Rev. Mochizuki gave a document written by his father and added he was sorry that the document was written in Japanese.

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Kolkata, dated 27.09.02

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
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S i r,

I am directed to refer to Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/256 dated August 12, 2002 wherewith a xerox copy of the P.M.O.'s letter No. 915/11/C/2/2002-Pol. dated 08.07.2002 was sent to you as desired in your d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated August 6, 2002.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly furnish immediately answers to the queries made in Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/123 dated June 17, 2002.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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No.TOK/102/03/01

September 24, 2002

Dear Anita,

We have separately sent a report by this bag on the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission to Japan to enquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose. Enclosed with this letter are copies of two communications endorsed to the Embassy by Mr. Shigemoto Okuda. Mr. Okuda is the youngest associate of Netaji currently alive in Japan. He was a member of a Japanese intelligence liaison unit attached to Netaji in Burma. Mr. Okuda helped arrange the interaction of the Hon'ble Commission with surviving associates of Netaji during the visit of the Hon'ble Commission to Tokyo.

In his letter, Mr. Okuda has expressed indignation at the suggestion made during this interaction by Netaji's nephew Mr. Subrata Bose to the effect that Netaji did not die in the plane crash in Taipei on August 18, 1945. The letters are written to Mrs. Krishna Bose, MP, the widow of Mr. Sisir Kumar Bose, another nephew of Netaji. Mrs. Bose who also happens to chair the Standing Committee of Parliament on External Affairs believes that Netaji did not die in the plane crash. I am mentioning the split in opinions within the Bose family on the event, which has been a major contributor to the constitution of one Committee and two Commissions to investigate the circumstances surrounding the plane crash in Taipei on August 18, 1945. The letters received from Mr. Okuda are being forwarded for Ministry's information.

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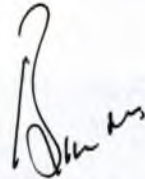
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Incidentally, in his letter of 19 September, Mr. Okuda highly appraises the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee and his conduct of the enquiry in Tokyo and Miyazaki.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,



(Biren Nanda)

Ms. Anita Nayar,
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18th September, 2002

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Dear Mrs. Bose:

I have received your esteemed fax letter dated 14th September 2002. While one and half months have already passed since I was hospitalized, I prospect that it will be the end of this month when the director (doctor) of the hospital allows me to leave the hospital, to my regret.

Hon'ble Justice Manoj Mukherjee who visited Japan and we, eight old comrades of Netaji Chandra Bose, Indian National Army (INA,) Hikari-Kikan 1943-45, Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple Mr. Mochizuki, and Mrs. Matsushima, total 10 members from Japan side attended the meeting held at Renkoji Temple from 10:30 a.m. on 16th September, 2002. As the meeting was enthusiastically proceeded up to 00:30 p.m., Justice Mukherjee seemed to be very satisfied.

However, as you anticipated, an uninvited guy Subrata Bose, a member of West Bengal Legislative Assembly who introduced himself as a nephew of Netaji Bose accompanied by two others was seated at the meeting table in addition to the two gentlemen, Justice Mukherjee and Secretary of the Commission Mr. Sen Guputa who were dispatched from the Indian government to Japan and said, "Netaji Bose was not dead by a plane accident in Taipei on 18th August 1945. The ashes enshrined here at Renkoji Temple are false, and it is what all Netaji Bose family strongly believe." Although we, Japan side were very surprised and shocked by his statement, all of us were brave enough to orderly deploy counterargument.

He also said, "Because Renkoji Temple was completely burnt down by fire in 1970s, the ashes enshrined here are not real." While Chief Priest Mr. Mochizuki and we, Japan side asked him, "There isn't such a fact at all. By what reason you make such a groundless statement?" he replied, "It was once reported as an article on Indian newspaper." Although all of us involuntarily burst into laughing, we were astonished by his irresponsibleness, and couldn't stop changing our faces by anger which welled up in our mind.

In compliance with the request of Justice Mukherjee, the respective associated personnel precisely explained about all what they know as to how and by what route the ashes of Netaji were brought to Tokyo after his death and placed at Renkoji Temple, showed the related documents, and these were recorded as the evidential material by an official interpreter.

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Because the eight members who belonged to Hikari-Kikan among the Japanese attendants of this meeting were still at the battlefield when Netaji Bose was dead by an accident and no one can be a witness when he died, we asked Justice Mukherjee to visit the residence of the army surgeon at that time Dr. Yoshimi who witnessed the death of Netaji Bose and made, signed his death certificate, presently the sole witness living in Miyazaki City, Kyushu, obtain and record his clear testimony on the following morning.

This is the outline of the meeting. I will send you the photographs under the separate cover. It was a great pleasure for me to be able to see Dr. Sugata Bose after more than five years since January 1997. Meanwhile, I wish you the best of health and great success of your important duty.

Most sincerely yours,



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19th September, 2002

Mrs. Krishna Bose, M.P.
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Dear Mrs. Bose:

I could exchange farewell greetings with Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee who left Narita Airport (Tokyo) at noon yesterday just before the departure for India through the mobile phone of Mr. Rajasekhar, First Secretary of Indian Embassy who accompanied Justice Mukherjee to the airport.

Justice Mukherjee repeatedly told me that the meeting at Renkoji Temple in Tokyo which I had arranged and a talk with Dr. Yoshimi in Miyazaki during his Japan visit this time were very precious and beneficial, and that he is very much satisfied with the result and grateful to all.

While he evaluated himself that "I am an ordinary person once putting off the vestment of justice," his whole speech and behavior let all the participants know that he is not only an efficient justice in high places but also a man of character with humanity who understands humour which made us strongly trust and highly evaluate himself. Especially, I have established very intimate relationship with him in a short time in which we could exchange jokes.

Mrs. Matsushima's new address which you asked me in your fax letter dated 14th September is as follows:

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Meanwhile, I wish you the best of health and great success of your duty.

Most sincerely yours,



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**Subject: Letter from Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry (JMCI)
regarding files relating to Netaji
Subhas Chandra Bose.**

Reference is invited to this office I.D. note
of even number dated 12.7.2002 on the subject
noted above. (Copy enclosed)

The confirmation asked for in the matter
may kindly be expedited in order to enable this
office to send a reply to JMCI.

Renuka Kumar

[Renuka Kumar]
Director

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Joint Secretary (CNV), MEA

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Subject: Letter from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) regarding files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Please find enclosed a copy of letter dated 21.6.2002 received from the Commission.

According to our office record, the MEA files/folder referred to in JMCI's letter had been received in this office vide MEA (AP Division) note dated 8.10.1993 (copy enclosed) and these files/folder had been returned back to MEA on 14.10.1993. It may kindly be confirmed urgently whether these files/folder are with MEA so that the Commission may be informed suitably.

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[Renuka Kumar]
Director

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No.TOK/102/03/01

September 20, 2002

Subject: Visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission to Tokyo

Dear Nalin,

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose visited Japan from September 14-18, 2002. Justice Mukherjee was accompanied on the visit by Mr. PK Sengupta, the Secretary of the Commission. A programme for the visit of the Commission to Japan is enclosed with this letter.

Shri Subrata Bose, Hon'ble Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly and nephew of Netaji, Dr. Madhusudan Pal and Shri Kamal Das assistant to Shri Subrata Bose also visited Japan – their visit coincided that of the Hon'ble Commission – as an interested party in the proceedings of the Commission.

An informal interaction of the Justice Mukherjee Commission with Netaji's surviving Japanese associates was held at the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo on Monday, September 16, 2002. The session lasted for two hours and was followed by the examination of the urn, allegedly containing the ashes of Netaji. All Japanese associates of Netaji present at the meeting and Rev. Mochijuki, Chief Priest of the Renkoji Temple, Mr. Hayashi, the Secretary of the Bose Academy and Mr. Okuda, who had helped organise the interaction, re-affirmed their strong belief that the ashes were those of Netaji and urged the Hon'ble Commission to quickly conclude its deliberations and present a report that would result in the ashes being returned to India. The Japanese associates of Netaji also reiterated that they were getting old and this lent a sense of urgency to their request. A list of those present at the interaction and a transcript of the proceedings is enclosed for the Ministry's record. The interaction in Renkoji Temple was organised with the blessings of the Foreign Office and two Foreign Office officials – Mr. Taga, Assistant Director in the Southwest Asia Division, MOFA and Mr. Yokote, an official in the same Division were present during the proceedings.

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The Commission visited Miyazaki on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 to record the deposition of Dr. Taneyoshi Yoshimi who claimed to have attended Netaji after the plane crash on August 18, 1945. Dr. Yoshimi was the only witness to be examined by the Justice Mukherjee Commission from amongst those who had deposed before the Shah Nawaz Committee and the Khosla Commission. Dr. Yoshimi maintained that he treated Netaji and when he passed away, he applied for a death certificate in his original name i.e. Subash Chandra Bose. However, extract from the cremation register forwarded by the Japanese Foreign Office in 1956 gave the name of the deceased as Ichiro Okura. Dr. Yoshimi stated under oath that he had not applied for such a certificate, as he never knew Mr. Okura.

The Commission also left a letter addressed to Ambassador requesting him to ascertain whether the ashes contained any bones, which could be used for the purposes of a DNA test. ? How?

I hosted a lunch in honour of the Commission and the Japanese associates of Netaji after the interaction at the Renkoji Temple on September 16, 2002. On the evening of September 17, a prominent member of the Indian community in Tokyo, Mr. Tanmoy Banerjee, who is also the representative of the West Bengal Industrial Development Corporation hosted a dinner in honour of the Hon'ble Commission.

I have forwarded a brief report on the deliberations and visit of the Commission for the Ministry's information only. This may kindly be retained in the Ministry. This record is based on a report prepared by Mr. C. Rajasekhar, First Secretary (Political) who accompanied the Commission on its deliberations in Tokyo and Miyazaki.

Yours sincerely,

(Biren Nanda)

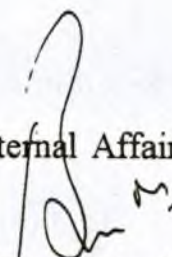
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Copy along with enclosure to:

1. Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi

With kind regards.


(Biren Nanda)

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**Embassy of India
Tokyo**

**Programme for the Visit of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission to
Japan**

Saturday, 14th September, 2001:

0800 hrs: Arrival Narita airport by Air India flight No.AI-306

Departure for Hotel New Otani (Phone:3265-1111, Fax: 3221-2619)

Programme as convenient (May visit Hibiya Park, Imperial Hotel, Kamakura)

Kamakura: Kamakura was the ancient Capital of Japan and a place of historical and cultural significance.

Sunday, 15th September, 2001:

1000 hrs: Visit Justice Pal (Shimonaka) Museum in Hakone (It is one and half hours drive from the Hotel, depending on the traffic condition)

May visit Zushi (**Zushi:** The Nippon Vedanta Society (Japan chapter of Ramakrishna Mission) is located in Zushi).

Monday, 16th September, 2002:

1000 hrs: Departure for Renkoji Temple

1030 hrs: Reach Renkoji Temple

1100 hrs: Informal interaction with Netaji's associates

1300 hrs: Departure for Chancery

1330 hrs: Lunch hosted by Shri Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission

1545 hrs: Departure for Haneda airport

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1735 hrs: Departure for Miyazaki by ANA-613

1910 hrs: Arrival at Miyazaki

Stay at Hotel Sheraton Grande Ocean Resort, Miyazaki (Phone:
0985-21-1133, Fax: 0985-21-1239)

Tuesday, 17th September, 2002:

0800 hrs: Deposition of Dr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi

1300 hrs: Departure for Miyazaki airport

1500 hrs: Departure for Tokyo by SNA-118

1630 hrs: Arrival at Haneda airport

1900 hrs: Dinner hosted by Shri Tanmoy Banerjee, Prominent Indian

Wednesday, 18th September, 2002:

0900 hrs: Departure Hotel for Narita airport

1200 hrs: Departure Narita for India by Air India flight No. AI-305

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List of Persons who attended informal interaction with Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission at the Renkoji Temple on 16th September, 2002

| Sl No. | Name | Age | Remarks |
|--------|---------------------|-----|--|
| 1 | Mr. Shigeru Aoyagi | 90 | Army doctor stationed in Singapore |
| 2 | Mr. Takehiko Abe | 86 | Involved with the establishment of Indian National Army on the military side |
| 3 | Mr. Tatsuo Izumi | 83 | Worked in Hikari Kikan for Indian National Army |
| 4 | Mr. Shigemoto Okuda | 79 | Accompanied Netaji in Singapore and Bangkok |
| 5 | Mr. Gaku Kuwahara | 83 | Military liaison officer between Japanese Imperial Army and Indian National Army |
| 6 | Ms. Matsushima | 75 | Her mother attended to the INA cadets and Indian students in Japan |
| 7 | Mr. Masao Hayashi | - | Liaison officer between Japanese Imperial Army and Indian National Army |
| 8 | Mr. Chikarou Fujii | 86 | Information In-Charge of Hikari Kikan |
| 9 | Mr. Ito | - | Netaji's Associate |
| 10. | Rev. Mochizuki | | Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple |
| 11. | Mrs. Mochizuki | | Wife of the Chief Priest of Renkoji Temple |
| 12 | Mr. Taga | | Assistant Director, South-west Asia Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| 13. | Mr. Yokote | | Official, Southwest Asia Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. |

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| 14. | Shri P.K. Sengupta | - | Secretary to the Hon'ble Commission |
| 15 | Shri Subrata Bose | - | MLA, West Bengal Legislative Assembly (Who is also a nephew of Netaji) |
| 16 | Dr. Madhusudan Pal | - | - |
| 17. | Shri Kamal Das | - | - |

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Tokyo**

Subject: Details of informal interaction of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission with Netaji's Associates at Renkoji Temple on September 16, 2002

At the outset, Mr. Shigemoto Okuda, an associate of Netaji introduced all those present to the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission. A copy of all those present in the interaction is enclosed. The interaction went on as following:

Mr. Takehiko Abe: Introducing himself to the Commission, Mr. Abe thanked the Justice Mukherjee Commission, who had come from India to Japan to find out the facts concerning the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as well as the ashes of the Netaji. He used to be the Head of one of the military wings of the Japanese Imperial Army's office in Malaysia, called the Hikari Kikan. As of date, he is the oldest member living from among the Netaji's associates. Indicating to Rev. Mochizuki, who was sitting next to him, he said that Rev. Mochizuki was responsible for keeping Netaji's ashes for approximately 57 years since the end of World War II. He also said that Mr. Hayashi, Secretary, Bose Institute and Mrs. Matsushima had been making substantial financial contributions to the Renkoji temple for preservation of the ashes of Netaji. He hoped that the enquiry would be an extensive one and during the enquiry, the Commission would be able to gather such material and documents as would enable it to prove the death of the Netaji. He sincerely hoped that the ashes of Netaji would be returned to the citizens of India as soon as possible.

Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee: The Hon'ble Justice first thanked all those present for their cooperation in finding the truth. He also thanked Rev. Mochizuki and others present for taking so much interest in the affairs of India and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose after so many years. He further added that in 1956, a Committee was constituted to find out how Netaji died. This committee was constituted consisting of a very close associate of Netaji, Mr. Shah Nawaz Khan. The second member was Mr. S.N. Mitra and the third member of the Committee was Mr. Suresh Chandra Bose, an ICS officer and the brother of Netaji. The Committee, by a majority verdict, gave a finding that Netaji died in the plane crash. But his brother differed

with that view and said that the story of accident was not correct. After that, some people thought that those findings were not correct and, therefore, in 1970, a one-member Justice Khoshla Commission was appointed. The Commission, after recording findings of witnesses at different places, including in Japan, gave a finding in 1974 confirming the earlier finding and said that Netaji indeed died in the plane crash. In spite of the finding of the Committee and the Commission, some people in India in general and some Members of Parliament in particular did not agree with the view that Netaji died in the plane crash. In 1978, Shri Morajri Desai, the then Prime Minister of India, said that there were some contemporary records which threw doubt about the death of Netaji in the accident. Since then, the controversy was going on until the Legislative Assembly of West Bengal passed a unanimous resolution that a fresh enquiry might be ordered as to the circumstances leading to the disappearance and death of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose. Subsequently, a petition was also filed in the Calcutta High Court by a follower of Netaji for asking the Government of India to hold a fresh inquiry. Then the Government of India constituted the present Commission of Inquiry to find the following:

- (1) Whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (2) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (3) Whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (4) If he is alive, his whereabouts

After this Commission was constituted according to our procedure, we invited statements from different parties through public notifications. Now we have got more than 60 statements in which different versions have been given. While some say he died in the plane crash, other say he did not die in the plane crash, he fled to Russia. Some also say that he is in India.

Amongst the parties, who are strongly refuting plane crash theory, are present here:

- (1) Mr. Subrata Bose, son of Shri Sarat Chandra Bose and nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose
- (2) Dr. Madhusudan Pal, a renowned surgeon in Calcutta, taking active interest in Netaji.

In the enquiry, we have examined more than 80 witnesses, received documents in India, and had been to London to see documents in different

libraries. We have also got from Russia documents in Russian language. We are translating them into English. So far as the British Government was concerned, even though we have seen a number of documents, there are some more documents also, which they have kept as classified and they said that they are not going to disclose the documents before the year 2021. Now, at this stage, we have come here to interact with people and to examine Dr. Taneyosi Yoshimi at Miyazaki, who attended the Netaji after the plane crash.

Rev. Mochizuki: First of all, thank you very much for coming here today. If I report of what happened before 18th September, 1945, my father, as he was the previous Chief Priest of this temple, held the funeral for Netaji within this temple. During the funeral, there were some more people present, including some from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, some from the Indian National Army and a number of Netaji's associates, who were present here during the funeral. We held the funeral under the understanding that we had received the ashes of Netaji, who was a very important person, who contributed to the Independence of India and since then my father, the people around us and I have been strongly believing that we have the ashes of Netaji and we have been keeping Netaji's ashes here for more than 50 years and we have been holding memorial services as appropriate. Two times before this, Commissions of Inquiry came to this temple and at both the occasions my father mentioned that he strongly believed that he had with him the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose and since you have come once again for the Inquiry, once again I say that the two of us – my father and I – have been keeping the ashes with the strong belief that the ashes are of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. It is not only our personal belief. We have got the cooperation of the Indian Embassy, the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Bose Institute in Japan and every year the anniversary of Netaji's death, we have been holding memorial services under the belief that we have, indeed, the ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Under this belief we have preserved his ashes so far.

Ms. Matsushima: Netaji died on 18th August, 1945 and his ashes arrived here and a funeral was held here on 18th September, 1945. I clearly recall what happened at that time. I was 18 years old and was living with my mother. My mother was taking care of Indian students in Japan and the cadets of the Indian National Army, chosen by Netaji Bose, who were living at a place close to here, called Ogikubo. I saw for myself the ashes of Netaji and strongly believe that the ashes in this temple are indeed of Netaji's.

After greeting Rev. Mochizuki, Mr. Okuda, Mrs. Matsushima, Justice Mukherjee and others Shri Subrata Bose introduced himself and said the following:

I am Subrata Bose, a nephew of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and a Member of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly. I am very happy to have this opportunity to meet all of you here, especially Mr. Okuda and the other gentlemen who were associated with Netaji in Japan and Mrs. Matsushima, daughter of Ms. Emori, about whom I have heard a lot from Mr. and Mrs. Anand Mohan Sahai. The Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee has explained to you in detail the circumstances, which led the Government of India to appoint another Commission of Inquiry. I must state with due respect to all of you that many members of my family, including myself are of the view that it is still not established that Netaji died in the air crash at Taipei on 18th August, 1945 and consequently, I have doubts about the ashes which are being maintained here. The question of taking the ashes back to India, at present, does not arise and we have to wait for the conclusion of the Commission's work and the report to be submitted to the Government of India. I must thank all of you most sincerely for the respect that you are showing to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and maintaining and keeping the ashes which you believe to be that of Natani, in such a nice manner all these years. I sincerely hope that this question will once for all be resolved by the Hon'ble Commission in due course. I like to seek one information from Rev. Mochizuki. We have seen press reports that in 1989 (September) Renkoji temple was completely destroyed by fire. The newspaper report appeared in one of the newspapers in India. But this was not denied at that time. The Commission has a record of that newspaper. Was Rev. Mochizuki here in 1989?

Rev. Mochizuki: Of course, I was here as the Chief Priest of the temple and actually this temple was built in 1983.

Shri Bose: If the so-called ashes came in 1945, there was no attempt to build a temple earlier?

Rev. Mochizuki: Before 1983, there was the old temple.

Shri Bose: Was it completely demolished and rebuilt?

Rev. Mochizuki: The old building was completely demolished and rebuilt.

Mr. Okuda: All the people present here today are shocked at the statement by Mr. Bose. If you do not mind, I would like to say a few words. I was the youngest member of Netaji's INA and Hikari Kikan. I was present at the forefront during the war, with the INA soldiers and the soldiers of the Japanese Imperial Army fighting in Imphal. I was a member of the Tactics and Intelligence Unit. The Hon'ble Commission will go to meet Dr. Yoshimi tomorrow at 0800 hours and he is the only witness, who attended the Netaji and he is, of course, the most important witness.

At this stage, Mr. Okuda gave some documents to Hon'ble Justice and said that some other relatives of Netaji like Mrs. Krishna Bose and Mr. Sugata Bose came here last month and this is a copy of the letter that was submitted to Mrs. Krishna Bose. In 1996, I had the opportunity to participate in the ceremony for the 100th anniversary of Netaji, which was held in Calcutta. The Minister of External Affairs was hosting the ceremony. I was very surprised to see some demonstration of an extremist group at the ceremony and the ceremony was postponed. I was shocked. And then in 1977 a ceremony was held and Mr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, the then President of India hosted this ceremony with the Prime Minister and opposition leaders of that time. A leader of the INA, Col. Dhillon gave a short speech in which he said that some people in India had mentioned that the ashes kept at Renkoji temple in Japan were not the real ashes of Netaji. But please note that after the war, many comrades of Netaji as well as some people who respect Netaji have been visiting the temple not only on the anniversaries but every day and also they have been protecting the ashes. This fact says that the ashes kept in Renkoji temple are indeed the ashes of Netaji. Last December, the current Prime Minister Mr. Vajpayee visited this temple and I mentioned to the Hon'ble Prime Minister that all of Netaji's associates were getting old and I happened to be the youngest one and since I am touching 80, we sincerely hope that Netaji's ashes will be sent back to his home in India and be kept in peace. The Prime Minister said that he had the same feeling as of mine. I, who am the youngest associate, of Netaji, am here today, but for past two months, I have been in hospital. I escaped from the hospital this morning, for which I obtained permission but I had to do it as it is a very important meeting.

Mr. Abe: I have a question to the Hon'ble Justice. Together with Netaji was Col. Rehman in the same plane. Is Mr. Rehman still alive?

Mr. Bose: He is dead. He was examined by the first Committee but not by the second (Khosla Commission) as he was dead by that time. As I said

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earlier, many members of my family, including myself hold a different view on this matter. Mrs. Krishna Bose, who had come here a month back, came to the family by marriage. As you know, the present Government of India, under the Prime Ministership of Shri Vajpayee has appointed this Commission to hold a fresh inquiry. I have two more questions:

- (1) Was the old temple at the same place before this temple was built in 1983?
- (2) Can you give names of a few persons who brought the ashes from Tokyo to this temple? He died on 18th August and ashes came here on 18th September, who brought the ashes to the temple?

Mr. Hayashi: You mentioned Mr. Bose that a lot of members of your family do not believe that Netaji is not dead. I would like to share with you the following information:

Two years ago I received a phone call from Ms. Anita Bose mentioning that Netaji's wife and mother had the understanding that she would not be living longer and the ashes should be brought back to India. Then we received a letter from Anita mentioning that Anita's mother strongly hoped that the ashes would be brought back and had requested Government of India to arrange return of the ashes to India. We are deeply shocked to hear that there are many who still believe that Netaji is still alive and you have asked the question, who brought Netaji's ashes to this temple. It seems nobody has answered the question yet. But before that we would like to ask you as to what is the point of asking this question.

Mr. Kuwahara: In 1956 Col. Khan came to Japan as the Chairman of the Commission of Inquiry. Mr. Khan was a Colonel in the Indian National Army and I was working as the liaison office at that time and we fought together in the War. I went to the Indian Embassy, which was, at that time, in front of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo and asked for a meeting with Col. Khan. He did not have so much time, but Col. Khan was able to spare a day with us and he was staying at the Imperial Hotel and we went to the restaurant together with Dr. Yoshimi as well. Col. Khan thanked us and appreciated for being able to record a very good statement from both of us and he appreciated and said that he understood the circumstances for Netaji's death.

Shri Bose: With due respect to all of you I repeat once again that at present, some members of the family still feel that it is not established that he died here and we shall await the report of the Commission.

Mr. Hayashi: I want to mention that I was a very good friend of Col. Khan and at that time we used to work for the Hikari Kikan. All of us held a welcome party and farewell party for Col. Khan. He was very happy to attend the party. During the party he mentioned that he believed that the ashes were indeed of Netaji's. At the international airport, Mr. Suresh Chandra Bose, a brother of Netaji said that he did not believe that Netaji is dead and Col. Khan was furious to hear this.

Mr. Okuda: Mr. Kuwahara and Mr. Fujii mentioned that Dr. Yoshimi is the only witness, who is still alive. Mr. Yoshimi will be waiting for you at 0800 hours tomorrow morning and he will be welcoming all the members of the Commission.

Mr. Hayashi: Warrant Officer Iyaki and Radio Operator Tominaga died after being hospitalized and I saw Lt. Gen. Nonogaki afterwards and Netaji passed away at 11.14 p.m. and a total of 8 people were present at the time of Netaji's death. There was Dr. Yoshimi, whom you will see tomorrow. There was Col. Khan and two other nurses.

Justice Mukharjee: What is the document you are reading from and will you give us a copy of that?

Mr. Hayashi: I have prepared this document based on my own investigation and I will be very happy to give you a copy. (A copy has since been obtained).

Justice Mukherjee: What is the base of your investigation.

Mr. Hayashi: This report was hand-written by me as a result of my investigation and Mr. Hayashida's, Mr. Hayashida is the person, who brought Netaji's ashes from Taiwan. He was very enthusiastic of this case and he has written a book about Netaji. Unfortunately, he passed away two years ago.

Rev. Mochizuki gave a document written by his father and added he was sorry that the document was written in Japanese.



Sudhir Kumar
First Secretary

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No. Han/103/16/02

September 20, 2002

Dear Sir,

Kindly refer to your letter number 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated July 2002 regarding investigations into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

We are making enquiries regarding availability in Vietnam of documents, photographs etc indicating Netaji's presence in this country after the alleged plane crash and shall revert at the earliest possible.

Regards

Yours sincerely,

Sudhir Kumar
(Sudhir Kumar)

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated September 24, 2002

सबसे जल्दी
MOST IMMEDIATE

Dear *Shri Jain,*

This is in continuation of my D.O. of even number dated 11th September, 2002 and Ministry of Home Affairs' U.O. No. I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) dated 13.9.2002 regarding sanction of expenditure connected with the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission on Inquiry to Japan.

Our Embassy in Tokyo has sent the details of expenditure on the Commission's visit (copy of the Mission's fax message is enclosed). It is, therefore, requested that ex post facto sanction may be issued for the expenses as indicated in the enclosed message. Kindly note that details of charges on transportation in Tokyo have not been received by the Mission. Sanction on this item may kindly be issued on actual basis.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

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Encl: as above

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Subject: Visit of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission to Japan

S.no. 123/c

Kindly refer to your fax message No.25/4/NGO-VOL.VIII dated September 12, 2002 on the subject mentioned above.

The Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission visited Japan from 14th-18th September, 2002, as scheduled. We had made all the necessary arrangements, as required by the Hon'ble Commission. The Hon'ble Commission was very happy with the arrangements.

We have incurred expenses relating to transport, accommodation, interpretation and photography etc., as per the following:

- (i) Accommodation charge for stay on 14th, 15th & 17th September in Tokyo : Yen 232, 740
: (Rs.96,992 approx.)
- (ii) Accommodation charge for 16th September for stay at Miyazaki : Yen 93,091
(Rs.38,788 approx.)
- (iii) Expenditure for public notice in Japan Times: Yen 200,000
(Rs. 83,333 approx.)
- (iv) Hiring of an interpreter for 15th & 16th Sept : Yen 215,000
(Rs.89,583 approx.)

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- (v) Charge for videography at Renkoji Temple : Yen 88,200
on 15th September, 2002 (Rs. 36,750 approx.)
- (vi) Air tickets for the sector Tokyo-Miyazaki- : Yen 212,000
Tokyo (Rs. 88,333 approx)
- (vii) Transportation charge in Miyazaki : Yen 53,500
(for 15th & 16th September, 2002) (Rs. 22,292)
- (viii) Transportation charge in Tokyo : Still awaited.
(for 14th, 17th and 18th September, 2002)
- (Sanction on actual basis may kindly be conveyed for this)**

Grateful, kindly arrange to convey ex-post facto financial sanction for items (i) to (viii).

Rajasekhari

Rajasekhari
(C. Rajasekhar)



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23 September 2002

Dear Shri Jain,

I write with reference to Shri P.K. Sengupta's D.O. No.JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/278 dated August 22, 2002 regarding the Commission's visit to Taipei, in which he had intimated the places that the Commission would like to visit / inspect. We have inquired about the feasibility of the Commission's visit to these places, and information, which is available to us, is as given below:

- (i) **Taihoku Airport** : This is the operational domestic airport. A visit is feasible with necessary permissions from Government agencies. **No** records of the 1945 period are available with airport authorities. The physical layout of the airport has changed so greatly that the precise site of the air-crash is **not** identifiable.
- (ii) **Nam Mong Military Hospital** : The hospital does **not** exist any more. There is no clear idea of its former location. It is believed that it may have been at the site of the former Weixu Hospital which itself has ceased to exist. Records of the Nam Mong and Weixu Hospitals are not available in Taiwan and, according to authorities at the National Archives; these are likely to have been destroyed.
- (iii) **Municipal Crematorium Taipei**: The crematorium does **not** exist any more. The entire area is a park. Past records are **not** traceable.
- (iv) **Bureau of Health & Hygiene, Taipei Municipal Office**: Municipal authorities claim that they are not aware of any organization with this nomenclature and do not have any records of any such office.
- (v) **Hokutu Military Hospital**: Is currently known as the National Force Beitou Military Hospital. They do **not** have any records older than 1992. Earlier records have been destroyed.

2. Authorities at the National Archives, National Central Library and other Government agencies have not been able to confirm the availability of records of that period.

3. Further efforts were also made to locate witnesses, the names of which were earlier provided by the Commission. It has **not** been possible to locate any living witnesses, despite fresh efforts, on the basis of the limited and incomplete information provided by the Commission.

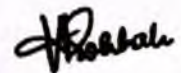
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4. MHA may kindly note that the Government of India does not recognize the so-called Republic of China or Taiwan, and therefore has no diplomatic or official relations with Taiwan. In view of this, this Ministry is limited in its ability to facilitate the Commission's visit to Taiwan. The MHA may also kindly note that holders of diplomatic and official passports are not permitted to visit Taiwan. If the Commission intends to travel to Taipei, ordinary passports will need to be used. Guidelines for Indian officials traveling to Taiwan are annexed.

5. MHA may also kindly note that this Ministry would render assistance in making the logistics arrangements in Taipei but will not be in a position to make any payments on behalf of the Commission. Payment for all services in Taipei, including hotel accommodation, transportation and interpretation, will therefore need to be made directly by the Commission itself.

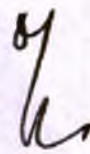
6. Ministry of Home Affairs may kindly advise the Commission regarding their proposal to visit Taipei, appropriately in the light of the above information.

Yours sincerely,



(Vijay Gokhale)

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Shri Akhil Jain,
Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
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ANNEXURE – I

GUIDELINES FOR INDIAN OFFICIALS TRAVELLING TO TAIWAN

- They should travel on the regular (blue) passport, and not on official or diplomatic passports.
- Their visits to Taiwan are in their personal or corporate capacities, and not as representatives of the Government of India.
- They should refrain from attending any function of an official or political nature.
- They should not highlight their official position, give press interviews as GOI officials or make any political statements/ comments during their stay in Taiwan.
- Taiwan should not be referred to as "Republic of China" or "ROC".
- They should not sign any formal document with the "Government" of the "Republic of China".
- There should not be any display of national flag, country name plate, national emblem or singing of the national anthem of India during the meetings with Taiwanese side.
- Approved route for Government officials travelling to Taiwan is via Bangkok/Singapore.

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi, dated 13.9.02

Subject: Visit of Justice M.K. Mukherjee (Rtd.) Chairman and Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan to visit Renkoji temple and other places for examination of witness pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose- Supplementary sanction reg-.

Please refer to Ministry of External Affairs' DO No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 11.9.02 regarding supplementary sanction to be incurred by Indian High Commission in Tokyo during visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission to Japan.

In this regard, MEA is requested to please allow/incur expenditure relating to the visit of Commission on air fare/accommodation/transport, as per entitlement and thereafter based on actual expenses seek ex-post-facto sanction of this Ministry.

The Indian High Commission in Tokyo may also kindly be informed suitably in this regard.

This issues with the approval of DFA(Pers) dated 12.9.02.

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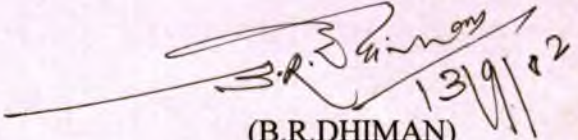
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JS(CNV) has already sent a fax to
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Ministry of External Affairs (Attn: Shri Vijay Gokhale, Jt. Secy. (CNV), South Block, New Delhi

MHA UO No. I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III) dated 13.9.02


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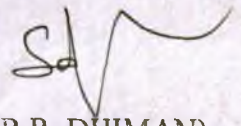
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In continuation of this Ministry's Office Order of even number dated 9.9.02, a supplementary sanction of the competent authority is hereby accorded to allow air travel by executive/business class to Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry during his tour abroad as a special case.

Accordingly para 3(b) of this office order dated 9.9.02 may be amended as Secretary –executive/business class instead of economy class.

The Order is issued with the concurrence of IFD Dy. No.1445/Fin-5/02 dated 13.9.02

This issues with the approval of Deptt. of Expenditure UO No. 650/E-1V dated 11.9.02.



(B.R. DHIMAN)
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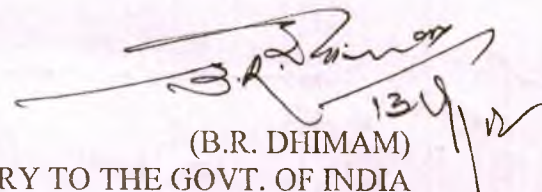
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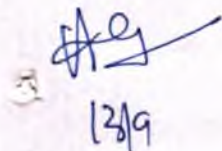
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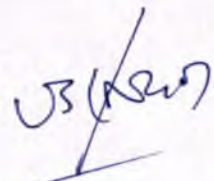
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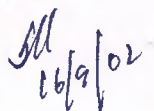
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3. Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.), Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (3rd Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Road, Kolkata-700087.
- ✓ 4. Shri Vijay Gokhale, Jt. Secretary (CNV) Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi with the request that all arrangements for the delegation at Indian High commission Tokyo may please be made to avoid any inconvenience to the delegation.
5. FA (Home), MHA, New Delhi.
6. Cash-I/Cash-II Section, MHA, New Delhi.
7. Finance I Desk, MHA, New Delhi.
8. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure (E-IV), North Block, New Delhi.
9. Spare Copies (Five).
10. I/12014/2/99-IS(D.III)


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September 11, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
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To
Sri C. Rajsekhar
First Secretary,
Embassy of India
2-II, Kudan Minami, 2-Chome
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102

Sub : Visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

Ref : Your Telex message no. 2324886 INDEMB J dt. September 11, 2002.

Your aforesaid telex message has been received at 12.05 PM. (IST). As regards necessary sanction, as asked for in paras 3 and 4 of your letters, I am to inform you that office order of the Ministry of Home Affairs sanctioning, among others, transport and Hotel accommodation has since been received. A copy of that order I/12014/6/2001-IS (D.III) dated 09.0-9.2002 of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs is sent herewith. For sanction of other items of expenditure, I am directed to request you to take up the matter directly with the Ministry of External Affairs. From this end, the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs are again being written to with the request to communicate necessary order of sanction.

Best wishes and regards.

US (CNV)
17/9/02
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary.

No. JMCII/ OVERSEAS WITNESS/2000-01/70/329/1(2)

September 11, 2002

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1. Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
 2. The Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

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| For | Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary | From | C. Rajasekhar First Secretary |
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Subject: Japan Visit of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission

We are looking forward to welcoming the Hon'ble Commission in Tokyo.

We have received a communication from Shri Debabrata Biswas Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), requesting to facilitate the visit of Shri Subrata Bose, Hon'ble Member, West Bengal Legislative Assembly to coincide with the visit of the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission.

We have made necessary arrangements for video recording @ Yen 80,000 for recording the informal interaction at the Renkoji Temple, for hiring a qualified interpreter at a cost of Yen 269,400 for the entire visit, issued a Public Notice in the Japan Times at a cost of Yen 200,000 and arranged accommodation in Tokyo and Miyazaki as per the entitlement.

Grateful, kindly arrange to convey the sanction at the earliest as we have to firm up reservations and there is also a cancellation fee.

Regards,

(C. Rajasekhar)

No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/
 70/330/1(2) dt. 11.9.02

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to : (1) Sri Vijoy Gokhale, Jt. Secretary(CNV), MEA, New Delhi (2) The Joint Secretary(IS), MHA, New Delhi.

(P.K. Sengupta)
 Secretary

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No. JMC/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/319.

Kolkata, dated, 6.9.02.

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty.

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

S.No. 57/c

I am directed to refer to this office registered letter No. JMC/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/225 dated 30.7.2002 and to say that the informations and the documents as solicited in the aforesaid letter are yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly do the needful in the matter as expeditiously as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty

Reg. speech from Radio Moscow.

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/320.

Kolkata, dated, 6.9.02.

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty,

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

S.M. 52/c

I am directed to refer to this Commission's registered letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/226(2) dated 30.7.2002 and to say that the report as solicited in the aforesaid letter is yet to be received.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly do the needful as expeditiously as possible.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Officer on Special Duty.

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Pl. do the needful.

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17/9/02

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replied vide S.M. 54/c

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NO. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/316.

Kolkata, dated, 6.9.02.

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

To : Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to M.H.A. U.O. No. VI/11034/61/2002-IS (D.III) dated 19.7.02 endorsed to the Joint Secretary (Coordination), Ministry of External Affairs Government of India wherewith a copy of this Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/133 dated 21.6.02 was forwarded and to request you to kindly furnish a copy of the Affidavit -in- Opposition filed and judgement order dated 04.03.1987 delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.N. Bhargava of Rajasthan High Court as referred to in them.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/316(1). Dt. 6.9.02.

Copy forwarded for favour of information to :

1) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceeding(Follow-Up)/Kolkata, dated, 3rd September '02.
99-2000/48(IV)/300.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Shri Kamal Pandey,
Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to this office registered letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow-Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/217 dated 26.7.2002 and to say that the period of four weeks stipulated in the aforesaid letter has already elapsed, but till now no counter-affidavit or affidavit-in-opposition has been received by the Commission either from the Ministry of Home Affairs or from any of the Ministries/Departments/Offices concerned of the Government of India, to each of whom the said letter dated 26.7.2002 was endorsed and sent by Register Post on 30.7.2002.

I am, therefore, directed to state that because of the said default of the said Ministries/Departments/Offices of the Government of India in the matter of filing counter-affidavit or affidavit -in - opposition, the Commission presumes that they do not want to file any counter-affidavit or affidavit-in-opposition as they have nothing with them to enable them to say anything contrary to or rebut on oath the averments and contentions in the affidavits.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)/99-2000/48(IV)/300(5).
Dated 3-09-02.

Copy forwarded for information & favour of taking necessary action to :

1. The Secretary, M.E.A, New Delhi.
2. The Secretary, P.M's Office, New Delhi.
3. The Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
4. The Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
5. The Director, Intelligence Bureau, Govt. of India, New Delhi.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/322

September 06, 2002

Dear *Sri Gokhale,*

I am to request you to refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated September 3, 2002 which has been received today at 12.20 p.m.

As regards point (a) of your d.o. letter, I am to say that matter is being referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, for necessary action. Till now no sanction or approval has been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs despite several reminders.

As regards point (b) of your d.o. letter, I am to inform you that Smt. Mukherjee will not visit Mizaki. She will be staying in Tokyo.

Regards,

Yours *Sincerely,*

P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/ 322/1

September 06 2002

Copy forwarded to Sri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), North Block, New Delhi – 110001, for information and necessary action.

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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/323

September 06, 2002

Dear

Enclosed please find a copy of the d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated September 3, 2002 of Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, which has been received at this end today at 12.20 p.m.

I am to draw your notice to para (a) of the enclosed d.o. letter of Shri Gokhale and to request you to include the cost of Airfares for Interpretator, besides the members of the Commission, from Tokyo to Miazaki and back, expenditure of their hotel stay in Miazaki and a miscellaneous provision on the basis of the actuals for transportation and other costs that may be incurred for recording deposition at Miazaki.

I am further to request you to kindly ensure that necessary approval of the tour, sanction of expenditure, etc. are received by the Commission without any further delay and **preferably within this day**, as tomorrow and day after tomorrow are holidays and only three (3) working days will be available for making all arrangements including drawal of foreign exchange.

I would again request you to treat this matter as **extremely urgent**.

Yours

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(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Shri Akhil Jain
Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block, New Delhi - 110001

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September 06, 2002

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September 06, 2002

Dear *Sri Gokhale,*

I am to invite your notice to para (c) of your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated September 03, 2002 received today. Both our Travel Agent and the Indian Embassy in Japan have confirmed that there is Flight No. AI 307 from Narita to Bombay on Wednesday at 12.00 hours. The Hon'ble Chairman, accompanied by Smt Mukherjee, will be leaving Tokyo (Narita) by AI 307 (Narita to Bombay).

I want to come to Kolkata without any overnight halt at Bombay or Delhi. So I shall avail myself of the Flight No- AI 305 (via Bangkok) on the same day from Narita and from Bangkok. I shall take the next available flight of the Air India (AI 353) at 2015 hours on Thursday.

Regards,

Yours *Sincerely,*
P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
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Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/309

September 05, 2002

Dear

Thanks for your d.o. letter no. Tok/102/03/2001 dated September 05, 2002, sent by e.mail. We have also received the copy of your letter to Dr. Taneyoshi, endorsed to the Commission.

As regards the query no. (i) in your above-mentioned d.o. letter, I am to inform you that the travel of Sm. Mukherjee from Tokyo - Miyazaki -Tokyo will be on private account, and not covered under the sanction. As regards the query no. (ii), I am directed to inform you that the Commission wants photography / video recording arrangements for the formal interaction scheduled to be held at 11.00 hours on September 16, 2002.

I am attaching herewith a copy of my d.o. letter no. 245 dt. 06.08.02 to Sri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, wherein requirements of the Commission in Japan were spelt out.

Has there been any change in your Fax no. as mentioned at the top of your d.o. letter viz. (03) (3234) 4866 ? If so, please intimate the present correct Fax no. For the last three days we are trying to send Fax message at the above-quoted Fax no. but we could not get connection.

Yours

(P.K. Sengupta)
 Secretary

To
 Sri C Rajasekhar,
 First Secretary
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September 05, 2002

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to : -

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ii) Sri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

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No. JMCII/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/315.

Kolkata, dated, 06.09.2002.

From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to forward herewith xerox
copies, of the P.M.O.'s letter No.915/11/C/2/-
2000-Pol. dated 11.07.2002 and the Commission's
letter No.JMCII/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/132
dated 21.06.2002 and to request you to kindly send
immediately a true copy of the entire note dated
13.09.1993 of Shri A.K. Sinha, Under Secretary (AP)
submitted to J.S.(A.P.) which is available in your
Ministry as stated in the aforesaid letter dated
11.07.2002 of the P.M.O.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)

Encl : As stated above.

Officer on Special Duty

ref: S.M. 121-A

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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To,

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11th July, 2000
New Delhi-11.

SO
in the file. 15.7.2002

Ref: JMCI letter No. (i) Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/131 dated 21.6.2002 (ii) Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/132 dated 21.6.2002 (iii) Study(PMO)-Followup/2002-03/84/136 dated 21.6.2002.

Sir,

With reference to Commission's 3 letters mentioned above the factual position is indicated below: -

So far as Commission's letter at (i) above is concerned, the further movement of MEA files/folders referred to in this letter is being ascertained from MEA and requisite information will be made available to the Commission in due course.

In regard to the second letter under reference it is informed that P-41 correspondence of File No. 870/11/P/10/93-Pol Vol.I is actually an extract from MEA file. Photocopy of only this page had been retained because endorsement by PMO official had been made on this page. The MEA file was returned. Therefore, paras 1 to 5 would be available with MEA and they may be approached by the Commission.

With regards to third letter under reference, it may be informed that the subject letter after having been acknowledged by PM was forwarded to Home Secretary on 8.4.1993 for appropriate action. Hence, it is requested that the Commission may kindly write to MHA to ascertain action taken by them and the outcome thereof.

Yours faithfully,

Ru 12/7/02
[Renuka Kumar]
Director

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FROM: FOREIGN NEW DELHI

TO : INDEMBASSY TOKYO

BIREN NANDA, DCM FROM JS(CNV)

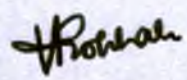
REFERENCE YOUR FAX MESSAGE NO. TOK/102/03/2001 DATED 11.9.2002 TO THE JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION REGARDING ITS VISIT TO JAPAN, A COPY OF WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO US BY THE COMMISSION.

2. THE ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS SUCH AS COST OF VIDEO RECORDING, PHOTOGRAPHY, HIRING AN INTERPRETER, ISSUANCE OF PUBLIC NOTICE, TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT TO MIYAZAKI HAVE BEEN CONVEYED TO THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS FOR ISSUE OF A REVISED SANCTION. THE PAPERS ARE UNDER SUBMISSION TO DY.PM FOR APPROVAL. THE MHA HAVE ASSURED US THAT ALL EXPENDITURE IN CONNECTION WITH THE VISIT WOULD BE DULY SANCTIONED.

3. YOU MAY KINDLY INCUR THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURE IN ANTICIPATION OF THE SANCTION. IN CASE THE REVISED SANCTION IS NOT FORTHCOMING DURING THE VISIT, PLEASE LET US KNOW THE ACTUAL EXPENDITURE INCURRED ON THE ITEMS MENTIONED AT PARA 2 ABOVE (GIVING RUPEE EQUIVALENT) IMMEDIATELY ON CONCLUSION OF THE VISIT SO THAT AN EX POST FACTO SANCTION COULD BE ISSUED.

No. 25/4/NGO-VOL. VIII

September 12, 2002


(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary (CNV)

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF
NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.
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No. JMCI/Doc(For)/99-2000/56(1V)/256. Kolkata, dated, 12th August'2002.

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Kokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to your d.o. letter
No.25/4/NGO. Vol.(VIII), dated 06.08.2002, I am directed
to send herewith a Xerox copy of the P.M.O's letter
No. 915/11/C/2/2002- Pol dated 8.7.02 for favour of
taking necessary action at your end.

Enclosure: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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No. 915/11/C/2/2002-Pol

PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block (Third floor),
11A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata-700087.

New Delhi

24. 8th July, 02.

24/7/02

Sir,

With reference to Commission's letter No. JMCS/Doc (FOR) 99-2002/56 (II) 123 dated 17.6.2002 the undersigned is directed to forward herewith photocopy of the entire file No. 870/11/P/16/92-Pol and it is also certified that all the pages are true copy of the original file.

So far as Netaji's Message placed at P-21 & 22 of correspondence portion of the above referred file is concerned, it may be mentioned that Netaji's messages alongwith other documents were received as enclosure to Shri Chitta Basu's letter dated 11.2.92 (Placed at P-33 Correspondence) 'Shri Basu's letter had been acknowledged by PM and copy of Shri Basu's letter together with complete set of enclosure (placed at Page 1 to 33 Correspondence.) was forwarded to MOS. Ministry of External Affairs for appropriate action.

It is felt that the position stated above fully explains the queries posed by the Commission regarding source and authenticity of the messages.

Yours faithfully,

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[Renuka Kumar]
Director

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Sh. S. S.
From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of cor.page 41 of Secret File No. 870/11/P/10/93-Pol. Vol.I of the Prime Minister's Office, as also a xerox copy of Prime Minister Officer's letter No.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated July 11, 2002 and to request you to kindly send immediately a true copy of paras 1 to 5 of the notes dated 13.09.1993 of Shri A.K. Sinha, Under Secretary (AP) submitted by him to J.S.(AP), since only paras 6 and 7 of the said note dated 13.09.1993 are available in the said secret file of the Prime Minister's Office.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encls.: As stated above.

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6. We had also approached the Russian Foreign Office through our Mission in Russia. The response was not encouraging and it is clear that not much more can be expected from them. The Russians had sent us a note in January, 1992 stating that "as per the data available in the Central and the Republic Archives there is no information about the stay of the former President of the Indian National Congress, Netaji Subash Chandra Bose in the Soviet Union in 1945 and after that". Our Ambassador in Moscow vide his letter of June 24, 1993, informed us that the bi-monthly journal, "Asia and Africa Today" would soon start publishing a series of articles by a Russian Indologist, Prof. Albert Belsky (Flag 'D'). The articles will be based on classified KGB archives, alleging inter-alia that Netaji was a MI 6 (British) agent and that one of his close aides was a KGB agent.

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7. The view of this Division, as indicated by JS(AP) in his Note dated 27 April, 1993, at page 17/n ante, is, "the only alternative perhaps, two or three years later, would be to take the bull by the horns and bring the casket back to India containing ashes of Netaji with due honour and ceremony. However, the CCPA would have to decide on such a course of action." In view of recent development, we may have to initiate action even earlier.

Submitted please.

A.K. Sinha

(A.K. Sinha)
Under Secretary (AP)
13/9/93

JS (AP) The above note is for information of JS M Pro
With respect to his note as FR I

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MEA's file is returned herewith
The matter has been brought to the attention
of the Home Ministry.

Sugala Mehta
14-10-93

J.S. (M)'S OFFICE
Dy. No. 7868/82
Date 14.6.93

JS (AP) MEA

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

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To,

Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block (Third floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata-700087.

11th July, 2002
New Delhi-11.

Ref: JMCI letter No. (i) Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/131 dated 21.6.2002 (ii) Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/132 dated 21.6.2002 (iii) Study(PMO)-Followup/2002-03/84/136 dated 21.6.2002.

Sir,

With reference to Commission's 3 letters mentioned above the factual position is indicated below: -

So far as Commission's letter at (i) above is concerned, the further movement of MEA files/folders referred to in this letter is being ascertained from MEA and requisite information will be made available to the Commission in due course.

In regard to the second letter under reference it is informed that P-41 correspondence of File No. 870/11/P/10/93-Pol Vol.I is actually an extract from MEA file. Photocopy of only this page had been retained because endorsement by PMO official had been made on this page. The MEA file was returned. Therefore, paras 1 to 5 would be available with MEA and they may be approached by the Commission.

With regards to third letter under reference, it may be informed that the subject letter after having been acknowledged by PM was forwarded to Home Secretary on 8.4.1993 for appropriate action. Hence, it is requested that the Commission may kindly write to MHA to ascertain action taken by them and the outcome thereof.

Yours faithfully,

Renuka Kumar
[Renuka Kumar]
Director

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council. (91-11-3792124)

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

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Sm. 80/c

This has reference to the fax message of August 23, 2002 from Shri Vijay Gokhale and our interim reply of August (23) 2002 regarding the alleged disappearance of Netaji.

We have checked up with the National Archives of Taiwan and National Central Library, Taiwan Branch to find any reference to the above incident. We checked up two newspapers (these are the only available newspapers for the period in question with the library) - Taiwan Xinbao (in Japanese) and Chungyang Ribao (in Chinese) for the entire month of August, 1945 at the Library but failed to find any news-report on Netaji in either of them. The National Archives does not have any record of the crash of military aircraft which allegedly carried Netaji aboard it. As earlier intimated the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here has also been unsuccessful in locating any relevant material.

Point wise response to the queries raised in the paragraph 3 of the above message are as follows:

- Taihoku (Sung Shan) airport is the operational domestic airport in Taipei. Visit to the airport is feasible after obtaining necessary permissions from the local government agencies. But it is not at all likely that any new piece of information will be forthcoming as there are no records of that period available with the airport authorities. The physical layout of the airport has changed so much over the years that no body even knows where exactly the air-crash took place (Dr. Krishna Bose had recently visited Taipei. With the assistance from the local

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- authorities, she visited SungShan airport but could not see anything of relevance.).
- b. Nam Mong Military Hospital does not exist any more. No one here has any clear idea of where this hospital existed. However, the officials at the National Archives and the Department of Health guess that this hospital might have been at the same place as the former Weixu hospital. The erstwhile Weixu hospital was located at the intersection of Chunghua Road Section-1 and Guangzhou Street. The previous records of Weixu hospital are not available anywhere in Taiwan since this hospital also has ceased to exist since the late 1940s. The authorities at the National Archives guess that they were burnt.
- c. The Municipal Crematorium in Taipei where the body of Netaji was allegedly cremated does not exist any more and no clues to the location of its past records could be found. The Crematorium has been converted into a green park (Nos.14 and 15) at the intersection of Chung Shan North Road Section-2 and Nanjing East Road Section-1.
- d. On checking up with the Taipei Municipal authorities, we have been told that they are not aware of any organisation with such a nomenclature. They do not have any records of any such office.
- e. Hokutu Military Hospital is currently known as National Force Beitou Military Hospital at plot no. 60, Xin Min Road in Beitou, Taipei. We checked up with the authorities there only to find that they do not have any records older than 1992. All the earlier records have already been destroyed.

Given that no one in the National Archives, National Central Library, Department of Health, Ministry of National Defence, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taipei Municipal Government, Airport authorities – all of whom we have contacted, has been able to indicate anything regarding the availability of records in Taiwan, rest of information is not forthcoming.

This issues with DG's approval.

Date: 9.9.2002

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29/9/2002

(S K Verma)

Deputy Director General



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

MOST IMMEDIATE

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated September 11, 2002

Dear *Shri Jain.*

Please refer to Ministry of Home Affairs' sanction No. I/12014/6/2001 – IS(D.III) dated 10.9.11 for the visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

It is seen that the sanction does not explicitly include the following items of expenditure which were mentioned in our endorsements even number dated 28.8.02 and 3.9.02:

- (a) cost of hiring an interpreter, video recording and photography of the Renkoji Temple and interaction of the Commission with witnesses. Our Embassy in Tokyo has informed us that an expenditure of Yen 80,000 for video recording, Yen 269,400 for hiring an interpreter for the entire visit will be incurred.
- (b) cost of air-fare for the sectors Tokyo – Miyazaki – Tokyo for the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission, for the interpreter who will accompany the Commission to Miyazaki and, cost of their hotel stay in Miyazaki.

Our Embassy has also informed that they have incurred a cost of Yen 200,000 towards publication of a Public Notice in a Japanese newspaper as desired by the Commission. The Embassy has also made reservations for the air travel and accommodation of the Commission and interpreter as at (b) above. In the absence of a sanction, if these are to be cancelled, then cancellation charges will have to be paid.

In view of the above, I would request you to issue a revised sanction which may also include the items of expenditure enumerated above.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Akhil Jain
Joint Secretary(IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
New Delhi



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
Secretary

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
For inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, Appointed by the Govt.
of India, Ministry of Home Affairs
B Block (3rd floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street, Kolkata-700087

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/331

September 11, 2002

Dear

Apropos my telephone talk with you regarding sanction of expenditure to be incurred in Japan in connection with the visit of the Commission, I am sending herewith a copy of the telefax message no. 2324886 INDEMB J dated 11th September 2002 received from the Embassy of India, Tokyo. Copy of this telefax message has been sent to Sri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs and the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs.

After sending the above-said fax message, Sri C. Rajsekhar, First Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan, had a talk with me on telephone. He requested me to arrange to convey the sanction of the Government of India for incurring expenditure on actual basis for making all necessary arrangements in connection with the visit of the Commission to Tokyo and Miyazaki.

I am to request you to kindly ensure that necessary sanction is sent to the Embassy of India in Tokyo as early as possible with an intimation to the Commission.

I am also sending herewith the reply of the Commission to the aforesaid telefax message to Sri C. Rajsekhar, First Secretary, Embassy of India in Japan.

Yours

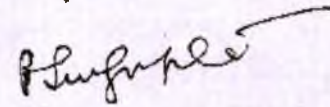
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Shri Mukesh Mittal
Deputy Secretary (IS-I)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi-110001

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/331/1

September 11, 2002

Copy alongwith a copy each of the above-mentioned letters are sent to Sri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi-110001 for information and necessary action.


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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No. JMCI/ OVERSEAS WITNESS/2000-01/70/329

September 11, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary.To
Sri C. Rajsekhar
First Secretary,
Embassy of India
2-II, Kudan Minami, 2-Chome
Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102

Sub : Visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

Ref : Your Telex message no. 2324886 INDEMB J dt. September 11, 2002.

Your aforesaid telex message has been received at 12 05 PM. (IST). As regards necessary sanction, as asked for in paras 3 and 4 of your letters, I am to inform you that office order of the Ministry of Home Affairs sanctioning, among others, transport and Hotel accommodation has since been received. A copy of that order I/12014/6/2001-IS (D III) dated 09.0-9.2002 of the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs is sent herewith. For sanction of other items of expenditure, I am directed to request you to take up the matter directly with the Ministry of External Affairs. From this end, the Ministry of External Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs are again being written to with the request to communicate necessary order of sanction.

Best wishes and regards.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary.

No. JMCI/ OVERSEAS WITNESS/2000-01/70/329/1(2)

September 11, 2002

Copy forwarded to for information and necessary action:

1. Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
2. The Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary.

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US (NCO)
The sanction is to be issued by MHA. We had informed them about the various items of expenditure. Please put up letter from JS(CNV) to JS(IS) MHA.
11/9/02

TELEFAX

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| For | Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary | From | C. Rajasekhar First Secretary |
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Subject: Japan Visit of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission

We are looking forward to welcoming the Hon'ble Commission in Tokyo.

We have received a communication from Shri Debabrata Biswas Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha), requesting to facilitate the visit of Shri Subrata Bose, Hon'ble Member, West Bengal Legislative Assembly to coincide with the visit of the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission.

We have made necessary arrangements for video recording @ Yen 80,000 for recording the informal interaction at the Renkoji Temple, for hiring a qualified interpreter at a cost of Yen 269,400 for the entire visit, issued a Public Notice in the Japan Times at a cost of Yen 200,000 and arranged accommodation in Tokyo and Miyazaki as per the entitlement.

Grateful, kindly arrange to convey the sanction at the earliest as we have to firm up reservations and there is also a cancellation fee.

Regard,

Regard,

(C. Rajasekhar)

No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/
70/330/1(2) dt. 11.9.02

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to : (1) Sri Vijay Gokhale, Jt. Secretary(CNV), MHA, New Delhi (2) The Joint Secretary(IS), MHA, New Delhi.

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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi, dated 13.9.02

OFFICE ORDER

Subject: Visit of Justice M.K. Mukherjee (Rtd.) Chairman and Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan to visit Renkoji temple and other places for examination of witness pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Sanction of the Competent Authority is hereby accorded to the visit of Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee (Retd.) Chairman and Shri P.K. Sengupta Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to visit Renkoji temple and other places of Japan for examination of witnesses in connection with Inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose

2. The deputation will be from 13.9.02 to 18.09.02. The number of days may be adjusted inter-se if necessary. The period of deputation will be as on duty.

3. Chairman and Secretary Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry have been sanctioned the following during their tour abroad:-

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| a) | Pay & Allowances: | The pay and allowances will be drawn as usual in Rupees in India. |
| b) | Air fare (Tickets to be purchased by cash payment through Air India directly) | Chairman-First Class Secretary- Economy Class |
| c) | Airport Tax & of Visa fees: | As per actual to each |
| d) | Cash Allowances: | US \$ 375 to each. |

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The sanction does not mention charges for trip in computer.
We may bring this to MHA's attention.
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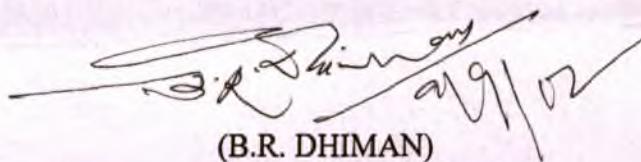
- e) Transport, Hotel Accommodation To be arranged by Indian Embassy
- f) Contingencies @ Rs.200/- per day for 5 days subject to actual stay. Rs.1000/- to Chairman only.

4. Other entitlements will be as laid down in the Ministry of Finance O.M.No. 19036/7/83-E.IV dated 7.11.84 as amended from time to time.

5. Sanction is also accorded for drawal of advance of cash allowance as admissible to Chairman, Secretary, Commission of Inquiry

6. The expenditure will be met from the sanctioned budget Grant of the Justice Mukherjee commission of Inquiry during the year 2002-2003.

7 The sanction order is issued with the concurrence of IFD Dy. No 1461/Fin-I/02 dated 9.9.02.



(B.R. DHIMAN)

UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA
Tel. No. 3093700

No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III)

Dated the 9.09.2002

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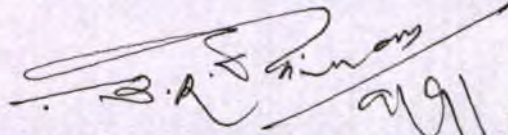
Accounts Officer, Regional Pay & Accounts Office, (CISF), Ministry of Home Affairs, 15/1, Chowringhee Square, 4th Floor, Kolkata-700069.

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Justice Shri M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry 'B' Block, (3rd Floor), 11/A, Mirza Ghalib Road, Kolkata-700087.

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3. Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS (Retd.), Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, 'B' Block (3rd Floor), 11/A Mirza Ghalib Road, Kolkata-700087.
- ✓ 4. Shri Vijay Gokhale, Jt. Secretary (CNV) Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi with the request that all arrangements for the delegation at Indian High commission Tokyo may please be made to avoid any inconvenience to the delegation.
5. FA (Home), MHA, New Delhi.
6. Cash-I/Cash-II Section, MHA, New Delhi.
7. Finance I Desk, MHA, New Delhi.
8. Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure (E-IV), North Block, New Delhi.
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(B.R. DHIMAM)
UNDER SECRETARY TO THE GOVT. OF INDIA

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F.No.I/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III)
Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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New Delhi, dated 6.9.2002

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION
OF INQUIRY TO RENKOJI TEMPLE IN JAPAN TO EXAMINE
WITNESSES ETC. PERTAINING TO NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDER
BOSE - POLITICAL CLEARANCE.**

Please refer to this Ministry's letter of even No. dated 3/9/2002 on the subject mentioned above.

It is requested that the reply may kindly be expedited.

You are sending it.

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US (CNV)

Ministry of External Affairs
Shri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary(CNV)
South Block
New Delhi

M.S. ZUHA
6/9/02

(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER
TELE No: 3093634

We have sent the clearance on 6th Sept, 2002. I have spoken to Shri Zuhra, who has confirmed receipt. May kindly see for info. please.

M.S. Zuhra
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Fax Message

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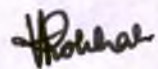
Shri Biren Nanda, DCM from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Please refer to your fax of September 3, 2002. The Commission has informed us that Smt. Mukherjee will not be visiting Miyazaki. She will be staying back in Tokyo.

As regards the issue of additional expenditure on account of the proposed visit to Miyazaki, the same has been duly conveyed to the Commission.

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(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
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No.C/415/07/2001-JP
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RM Section may please refer to this Division's Note No.C/415/07/2001-JP dated 3/7/2002 (copy enclosed) and their comments thereon regarding procurement of the following file required for Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry:-

File No. 489(2)-CJK/49 -Questions and Answers in the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislation) Regarding protest against execution of Marshal Tojo and others in view of Justice Pal's judgement

2. On the basis of RM Section's reply/comments we had requested National Archive of India to provide the file urgently to this Division. The National Archive of India has informed us that they have **NOT** received the aforesaid file stated to have been transferred by RM Section.

3. In this context, RM Section is once again requested to check their records and send the file at the earliest for onward transmission to **Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry.**

Sd/-
(M.P. Bhardwaj)
Under Secretary (EA)
Tel: 301 0716

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✓ Copy to NGO Section w.r.t. their note dated 2.07.02 (copy enclosed) alongwith the reply received from RM Section, MEA and National Archive of India, New Delhi.

Under Secretary (EA)

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Reference EA Divisions notes on pre-page.

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We may request EA Division to let us know by 5th July, the position regarding the availability of file No. 489(2)-CJK, since this has also to be forwarded to the National Archives along with the two other files.

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The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Enquiry has been pressing for submission of File No. 489(2)-CJK [Questions & Answers in the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislation) regarding protest against execution of Marshal Tojo and others in view of Justice Pal's judgement] along with other documents.

It is requested that the file may be made available to NGO at the earliest.

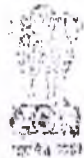
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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/322

September 06, 2002

Dear Sri Gokhale,

I am to request you to refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated September 3, 2002 which has been received today at 12.20 p.m.

As regards point (a) of your d.o. letter, I am to say that matter is being referred to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi, for necessary action. Till now no sanction or approval has been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs despite several reminders.

As regards point (b) of your d.o. letter, I am to inform you that Smt. Mukherjee will not visit Mizaki. She will be staying in Tokyo.

Regards,

Yours *sincerely,*

P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
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Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
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Copy forwarded to Sri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), North Block, New Delhi - 110001, for information and necessary action.

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We may convey 'X' to E/I, Tokyo.

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(P.K. Sengupta)
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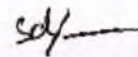
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I am to draw your notice to para (a) of the enclosed d.o. letter of Shri Gokhale and to request you to include the cost of Airfares for Interpretator, besides the members of the Commission, from Tokyo to Miazaki and back, expenditure of their hotel stay in Miazaki and a miscellaneous provision on the basis of the actuals for transportation and other costs that may be incurred for recording deposition at Miazaki.

I am further to request you to kindly ensure that necessary approval of the tour, sanction of expenditure, etc. are received by the Commission without any further delay and preferably within this day, as tomorrow and day after tomorrow are holidays and only three (3) working days will be available for making all arrangements including drawal of foreign exchange.

I would again request you to treat this matter as **extremely urgent**.

Yours


(P.K. Sengupta)
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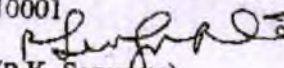
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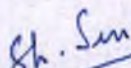
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September 06, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale*,

I am to invite your notice to para (c) of your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated September 03, 2002 received today. Both our Travel Agent and the Indian Embassy in Japan have confirmed that there is Flight No. AI 307 from Narita to Bombay on Wednesday at 12.00 hours. The Hon'ble Chairman, accompanied by Smt Mukherjee, will be leaving Tokyo (Narita) by AI 307 (Narita to Bombay).

I want to come to Kolkata without any overnight halt at Bombay or Delhi. So I shall avail myself of the Flight No- AI 305 (via Bangkok) on the same day from Narita and from Bangkok. I shall take the next available flight of the Air India (AI 353) at 2015 hours on Thursday.

Regards,

Yours *Sincerely,*
P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
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D O No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/309

September 05, 2002

Dear

Thanks for your d.o letter no. Tok/102/03/2001 dated September 05, 2002, sent by e-mail. We have also received the copy of your letter to Dr. Taneyoshi, endorsed to the Commission.

As regards the query no. (i) in your above-mentioned d.o. letter, I am to inform you that the travel of Shri Mukherjee from Tokyo - Miyazaki -Tokyo will be on private account, and not covered under the sanction. As regards the query no. (ii), I am directed to inform you that the Commission wants photography / video recording arrangements for the formal interaction scheduled to be held at 11 00 hours on September 16, 2002.

I am attaching herewith a copy of my d.o. letter no. 245 dt. 06.08.02 to Sri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, wherein requirements of the Commission in Japan were spelt out

Has there been any change in your Fax no. as mentioned at the top of your d.o. letter viz. (03) (3234) 4866 ? If so, please intimate the present correct Fax no. For the last three days we are trying to send Fax message at the above-quoted Fax no. but we could not get connection.

Yours

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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September 05, 2002

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

Sri Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, South Block, New Delhi - 110001

ii) Sri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

(Signature)
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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September 05, 2002

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

The undersigned is directed to refer to **Ministry of Home Affairs** letter No. **1/12014/6/2001-IS(D.III)** Pt dated **3rd September, 2002** regarding visit of **Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman**, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and **Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary**, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to **Renkoji Temple in Japan** to **examine the witnesses etc. pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from 12-09-2002 to 18-09-2002** and to say that this Ministry has no objection from political angle to the visit of **Justice M.K. Mukherjee** and **Shri P.K. Sengupta** to Japan during the period mentioned above.

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Deputy Secretary (JK)

Tel: 301 2847

Shri B.R. Dhiman,
Under Secretary,
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New Delhi-110001.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

New Delhi, Dated: 3.9.02

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT OF JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION
OF INQUIRY TO RENKOJI TEMPLE IN JAPAN TO
EXAMINE THE WITNESSES ETC. PERTAINING TO NETAJI
SUBHAS CHANDR BOSE - POLITICAL CLEARANCE**

The undersigned is directed to enclose a copy of revised programme of visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan and to state that following are visiting Japan w.e.f. 12.9.02 to 18.9.02 including journey time.

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| a) | Justice M.K. Mukherjee, Chairman | Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry |
| b) | Shri P.K. Sengupta Secretary | Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry |

2. The expenditure on the visit of Hon'ble Chairman and Secretary of the Commission will be borne by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry out of funds allocated to it.

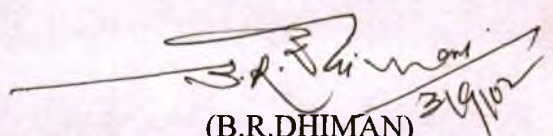
3. It is requested that political clearance for the visit of Hon'ble Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee Chairman Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry and Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, JMCI may be accorded and communicated to this Ministry urgently.

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Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi


(B.R. DHIMAN)
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Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
to Japan and Taipei (Taiwan)Revised Programme

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| 12.09.2002 | Thursday | Leaving Kolkata by AI353 at 22.15 Hrs. for Mumbai. |
| 13.09.2002 | Friday | Leaving Mumbai for Narita by AI306 at 14.45 Hrs. |
| 14.09.2002 | Saturday | To visit Renkoji Temple. |
| 15.09.2002 | Sunday | To visit other relevant places. |
| 16.09.2002 & 17.09.2002 | Monday to Tuesday | Sitting, examination of the witnesses, Dr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi, and other witnesses, if any. To meet the local persons at Renkoji Temple who are reportedly not willing to depose formally as witnesses but willing to meet the Commission. |
| 18.09.2002 | Wednesday | Leaving Japan (Narita Air Port) for Mumbai by AI307 at 12.00 Hrs. |

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(P. K. Sengupta)
SecretaryTo
All the Deponents

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**Embassy of India
- Tokyo**

**Suggested Programme for the Visit of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee
Commission to Japan**

Saturday, 14th September, 2001:

0800 hrs: Arrival Narita airport by Air India flight No. AI-306

Departure for Hotel New Otani (Phone: 3265-1111, Fax: 3221-2619)

Programme as convenient (May visit Hibiya Park, Imperial Hotel, Kamakura and Zushi)

Kamakura: Kamakura was the ancient Capital of Japan and a place of historical and cultural significance.

Zushi: The Nippon Vedanta Society (Japan chapter of Ramakrishna Mission) is located in Zushi.

Sunday, 15th September, 2001:

1000 hrs: Visit Justice Pal (Shimonaka) Museum in Hakone (It is one and half hours drive from the Hotel, depending on the traffic condition)

Monday, 16th September, 2002:

1000 hrs: Departure for Renkoji Temple

1030 hrs: Reach Renkoji Temple

1100 hrs: Informal interaction with Netaji's associates

1300 hrs: Departure for Chancery

1330 hrs: Lunch hosted by Shri Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission

1545 hrs: Departure for Haneda airport

1735 hrs: Departure for Miyazaki by ANA-613

1910 hrs: Arrival at Miyazaki

Stay at Miyazaki

Tuesday, 17th September, 2002:

0900 hrs: Deposition of Dr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi

1300 hrs: Departure for Miyazaki airport

1500 hrs: Departure for Tokyo by SNA-118

1630 hrs: Arrival at Haneda airport

1800 hrs: Dinner hosted by Shri Tanmoy Banerjee, Prominent Indian

Wednesday, 18th September, 2002:

0900 hrs: Departure Hotel for Narita airport

1200 hrs: Departure Narita for India by Air India flight No. AI-307

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September 03, 2002

Dear *Shri Goxhale,*

I am to request you to refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated September 02, 2002 and the enclosed suggested (revised) programme for the visit of the Commission to Japan, as drawn up by the Embassy of India, Tokyo.

I am to inform you that the Commission agrees to the above-mentioned suggested (revised) programme subject to a slight change in the time of recording deposition of Dr. Yeshomi Taneyoshi on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at his residence at Miyazaki.

As a matter of abundant caution, the time of recording deposition of Dr. Taneyoshi may be changed to 08.00 hours from 09.00 hours so that the recording of his deposition may be completed before the time (13.00 hours) fixed for departure for Miyazaki airport.

The Embassy of India in Japan may kindly be advised accordingly so that the deposition of Dr. Taneyoshi may be recorded at his residence from 08.00 hours on September 17, 2002 (Tuesday).

It is presumed that air journey of the members of the team of the Commission from Tokyo to Miyazaki and back will be arranged locally by the Indian Embassy in Japan.

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As regards departure for Kolkata on September 18, 2002 (Wednesday), I am to inform you again that the Hon'ble Chairman, accompanied by Mrs. Mukherjee, will be leaving by AI 307 (via Mumbai), while I would myself avail of the flight AI 305 (Narita to Kolkata via Bangkok) on the same day.

Warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,
P. K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
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Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
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September 03, 2002

Copy forwarded to:

- i. Sri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), North Block, New Delhi - 110001, for information and necessary action. Earlier correspondence and telephonic talks on the subject may kindly be referred to.
- ii. The First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo, for favour of information and necessary action (by fax).

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Secretary



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August 29, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale,*

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated August 28, 2002 and its enclosures which have been received by fax today.

As regards the issue of the Notice regarding visit of the Commission to Tokyo, I am to send herewith 4 (four) copies of Notice for publication / distribution in such a manner as the Indian Mission in Tokyo may think appropriate.

Warm regards,

Yours *Sincerely,*
P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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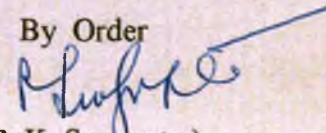
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- (a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organisations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the Embassy of India in Tokyo at 2-11, Kundan - Minami 2 - Chome, Chiyoda - Ku, Tokyo 102 or the Commission at Hotel New Otani, (Telephone 3265 - 1111, Fax. 32212619) from **September 14, 2002 to September 17, 2002**.

By Order


(P. K. Sengupta)
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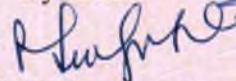
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September 02, 2002

Dear

This is in continuation of my d.o. letter No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/295 dated August 29, 2002. I am to inform you that there was an inadvertent typographical mistake in the Notice sent along with the said d.o. letter. In the 5th (fifth) line of the Notice the word 'Tuesday' may kindly be read as '**Wednesday**'. 5 (five) copies of corrected Notice are sent herewith for necessary action. Inconvenience, if any, caused by this inadvertent mistake is regretted.

Warm regards,

Yours *Sincerely*

P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: Notice – 5 copies

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/ 297(1)

September 02, 2002

Copy forwarded along with a copy of Notice for necessary action to Shri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary (IS) to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi – 110 001- in reference to the endorsement copy JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/296(1) dated August 29, 2002 and telephonic talk with him regarding visit to Japan.

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE.

‘B’ Block, (Third Floor)

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August 29, 2001

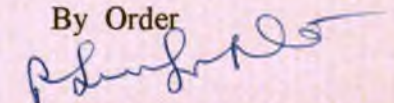
NOTICE

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry set up by the Government of India to inquire into the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including the following matters will be visiting Japan from **September 14, 2002 (Saturday)** to **September 18, 2002 (Wednesday)**. The Commission will leave Japan in the morning of **September 18, 2002**.

- (a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;
- (d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organisations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the Embassy of India in Tokyo at 2-11, Kundan – Minami 2 – Chome, Chiyoda – Ku, Tokyo 102 or the Commission at Hotel New Otani, (Telephone **3265 – 1111, Fax. 32212619**) from **September 14, 2002** to **September 17, 2002**.

By Order



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)

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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/296

August 29, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale,*

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol..VIII dated August 28, 2002 and its enclosures which have been received by fax today. In this connection, I am to invite your notice to my d.o.letter No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/278 dated August 22, 2002. In the last paragraph of which you were informed that the return journey on September 18, 2002 (Wednesday) might be by Flight No.AI 307 (via Mumbai) or Flight No.AI 305 via Bangkok, depending on convenience .

I am to inform you now that the Hon'ble Chairman, Mr Justice M.K.Mukherjee, accompanied by Mrs. Mukherjee, will be returning from Tokyo on September 18, 2002 by Air India Flight No. AI 307 via Mumbai, while I would avail myself of the Air India Flight No. AI 305 (via Bangkok) on the same day.

Warm regards,

Yours *sincerely,*
P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/ 296/1

August 29, 2002

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P.K. Sengupta)
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**Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi**

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**Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)**

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated September 3, 2002

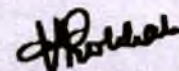
Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is regarding the visit of the Commission to Japan.

Our Mission in Tokyo has mentioned the following points:

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- (c) On Wednesday, September 18, 2002, there is only one flight from Tokyo (Narita), viz., AI-305 connecting Delhi-Mumbai via Bangkok. The return journey for members of the Commission will have to be organised accordingly.

Yours sincerely,



(Vijay Gokhale)

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**FROM: VIJAY GOKHALE, JOINT SECRETARY(CNV)
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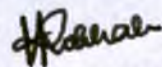
**TO : SHRI P.K. SENGUPTA, SECRETARY,
JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
KOLKATA (FAX NO. 00-33-252 2765)**

REFERENCE YOUR FAX MESSAGE NO. JMCI/Overseas
Witness/2000-01/70/306 DATED SEPTEMBER 3, 2002. THE TELEPHONE
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(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary (CNV)



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D O No JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/306

September 3, 2002

Dear *Sh. Gokhale*,

This is in connection with the suggested (revised) programme for the visit of the Commission to Japan, drawn up by the Embassy of India, Tokyo and communicated by you yesterday by fax.

The reply has already been sent to you by fax and speed post. The Commission tried to contact the Indian Embassy in Japan by fax and also on phone but in vain. It appears that the fax and phone numbers available in the record of the Commission are not correct.

I am to request you to kindly furnish the Commission with the fax and phone numbers of the Indian Embassy in Japan so that the Commission may contact direct the Embassy in case of urgency.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Karm regards.

*Please give them
EI Tokyo fax & phone
numbers, including*

*phone number
of AS Shri Kapshelia
& ACP Ward.*

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
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Yours *Sincerely*
P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Reply sent.

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated September 3, 2002

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- (c) On Wednesday, September 18, 2002, there is only one flight from Tokyo (Narita), viz., AI-305 connecting Delhi-Mumbai via Bangkok. The return journey for members of the Commission will have to be organised accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
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(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)

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Subject: Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission

Reference your fax No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated September 2, 2002 regarding the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. The revised programme, including the changes in departure dates is enclosed.

Vide our fax of August 30, we had conveyed the revised programme of the Hon'ble Commission including a visit to Miyazaki for obtaining the deposition of the sole witness who has agreed to depose before the Commission. The witness as indicated in my last communication has just last week indicated his inability to come to Tokyo for the deposition on account of age and ill health. We have already made tentative arrangements for the visit of the Hon'ble Commission to Miyazaki for the deposition and included it in the programme. We would be grateful for a formal confirmation of the programme by the Hon'ble Commission.

First Secretary Shri C. Rajasekhar will as conveyed in earlier communications be the Liaison Officer for the visit.

In addition, we would be grateful if you could convey to the Commission that on the visit to Miyazaki, the interpreter hired for the visit will also be required to visit Miyazaki with the Commission. The sanction of the visit may kindly include a provision for the cost of air fares for the members of the Commission, and the interpreter, the cost of their hotel stay in Miyazaki plus a miscellaneous provision on the basis of actuals for transportation, any costs incurred on obtaining the deposition etc.

We presume that Smt. Mukherjee would also be accompanying the Hon'ble Justice to Miyazaki. The fare for Tokyo-Miyazaki-Tokyo would be Yen 53,900 (Rs.

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22,355/-). Kindly clarify whether her fare would be part of the official sanction or would be paid on private account.

Please note that on Wednesday, September 18, 2002, there is only one flight from Tokyo (Narita), viz. AI-305 connecting Delhi-Bombay via Bangkok. This may kindly be conveyed to the Commission.

Is this
a problem?
Yes

We shall be putting out the notice in Japanese language and English language newspaper over the weekend, as desired by the Commission.

With kind regards


(Biren Nanda)

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**Embassy of India
Tokyo**

**Suggested Programme for the Visit of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee
Commission to Japan**

Saturday, 14th September, 2001:

0800 hrs: Arrival Narita airport by Air India flight No.AI-306

Departure for Hotel New Otani (Phone:3265-1111, Fax: 3221-2619)

Programme as convenient (May visit Hibiya Park, Imperial Hotel, Kamakura and Zushi)

Kamakura: Kamakura was the ancient Capital of Japan and a place of historical and cultural significance.

Zushi: The Nippon Vedanta Society (Japan chapter of Ramakrishna Mission) is located in Zushi.

Sunday, 15th September, 2001:

1000 hrs: Visit Justice Pal (Shimonaka) Museum in Hakone (It is one and half hours drive from the Hotel, depending on the traffic condition)

Monday, 16th September, 2002:

1000 hrs: Departure for Renkoji Temple

1030 hrs: Reach Renkoji Temple

1100 hrs: Informal interaction with Netaji's associates

1300 hrs: Departure for Chancery

1330 hrs: Lunch hosted by Shri Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission

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1545 hrs: Departure for Haneda airport

1735 hrs: Departure for Miyazaki by ANA-613

1910 hrs: Arrival at Miyazaki

Stay at Miyazaki

Tuesday, 17th September, 2002:

0900 hrs: Deposition of Dr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi

1300 hrs: Departure for Miyazaki airport

1500 hrs: Departure for Tokyo by SNA-118

1630 hrs: Arrival at Haneda airport

1800 hrs: Dinner hosted by Shri Tanmoy Banerjee, Prominent Indian

Wednesday, 18th September, 2002:

0900 hrs: Departure Hotel for Narita airport

1200 hrs: Departure Narita for India by Air India flight No. AI-305

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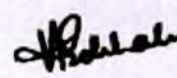
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New Delhi****Fax Message****From Foreign New Delhi****To Indembassy Tokyo (Fax No. 0081-03-3234-4866)****Shri Biren Nanda, DCM from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)**

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

The Commission has agreed to the programme suggested by the Mission for the visit to Japan. However, it has suggested a change in the time of recording the deposition of Mr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi in Miyazaki **from 0900 hrs. to 0800 hrs.** on 17th September, 2002. Kindly confirm the revised programme.

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(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
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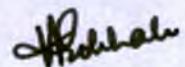
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(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/ 303

September 03, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale,*

I am to request you to refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII dated September 02, 2002 and the enclosed suggested (revised) programme for the visit of the Commission to Japan, as drawn up by the Embassy of India, Tokyo.

I am to inform you that the Commission agrees to the above-mentioned suggested (revised) programme subject to a slight change in the time of recording deposition of Dr. Yeshomi Taneyoshi on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at his residence at Miyazaki.

As a matter of abundant caution, the time of recording deposition of Dr. Taneyoshi may be changed to 08.00 hours from 09.00 hours so that the recording of his deposition may be completed before the time (13.00 hours) fixed for departure for Miyazaki airport.

The Embassy of India in Japan may kindly be advised accordingly so that the deposition of Dr. Taneyoshi may be recorded at his residence from 08.00 hours on September 17, 2002 (Tuesday).

It is presumed that air journey of the members of the team of the Commission from Tokyo to Miyazaki and back will be arranged locally by the Indian Embassy in Japan.

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*This needs to be conveyed
to E/1, Tokyo & MHA (for inclusion in their sanction).
Sh. Sen.
3/9/02*

As regards departure for Kolkata on September 18, 2002 (Wednesday), I am to inform you again that the Hon'ble Chairman, accompanied by Mrs. Mukherjee, will be leaving by AI 307 (via Mumbai), while I would myself avail of the flight AI 305 (Narita to Kolkata via Bangkok) on the same day.

Warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,
P. K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
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September 03, 2002

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- i. Sri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), North Block, New Delhi - 110001, for information and necessary action. Earlier correspondence and telephonic talks on the subject may kindly be referred to.
- ii. The First Secretary, Embassy of India, Tokyo, for favour of information and necessary action (by fax).

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE



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Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

Reference is invited to MEA u.o. Note No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 22.8.2002 on the subject mentioned above.

Enclosed please find requisite document sought in the para 1 & 2 of aforementioned note for further necessary action.

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[Renuka Kumar]
Director

MEA [Shri Vijay Gokhale – Joint Secretary (CNV)]

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the name of Subhas Chandra had in fact made the broadcast.

Correspondence
between Prime
Minister Nehru
and Shri Amiya
Bose

14. It has been claimed by Shri Amiya Nath Bose that Prime Minister Nehru, in his letter of April 22, 1964, to him, had accepted that "something should be done to finalize the question of Netaji's death". However, there is nothing to suggest, in the context of the entire correspondence, that at any time Prime Minister Nehru had entertained any doubts about the ^{of} conclusions/the Shah Nawaz Khan Committee Report. Presumably, what Shri Nehru had in mind was that something should be done to persuade those who still doubted this fact to accept the finality of the conclusions that Netaji was no more. Shri Amiya Bose has however claimed that a month before his death, Pandit Nehru had agreed that a proper enquiry Commission should be formed.

Memorandum
by 350 M.Ps.

15. On December 26, 1967, about 350 Members of Parliament sent a memorandum to the President demanding a fresh enquiry into the reported death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. They had urged that further enquiry be made in collaboration with the Governments of Japan and Taiwan. This memorandum was discussed at a Meeting of Secretaries held under the Chairmanship of the Cabinet Secretary on 16th February, 1968 to examine the various points raised. As far as the question of a fresh enquiry was concerned, the meeting

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was of the view that this was not warranted as no fresh evidence had been brought to light. This recommendation was brought to the Prime Minister's notice in connection with a question in the Lok Sabha on 21.2.1968. The Prime Minister, in reply to the question, stated that "since no new facts have been brought to light, Government do not consider that any fresh enquiry is warranted.

Recent
requests for
official
Enquiry

16. Shri Samar Guha wrote in May this year to the Prime Minister requesting for a judicial enquiry on the analogy of the enquiry being conducted in regard to Gandhiji's assassination 20 years after Mahatmaji's death. The Foreign Minister in reply to this letter informed Shri Guha that the terms of reference of the enquiry being conducted into Mahatma Gandhi's assassination did not seek to establish Gandhiji's death. In the letter sent to the Prime Minister by 44 M.Ps., dated August 7, the request for the appointment of a fresh enquiry Commission, consisting of retired Supreme Court Judges and eminent public men, has been made on the ground that a fresh probe was being conducted in regard to the assassination of Mahatma Gandhi and that a judicial enquiry was also being conceded in response to a number of M.Ps' request into the cause of death of the Jan Sangh Leader Shri Dindayal Upadhyay. It is quite obvious that these two examples that have been cited are not on all fours with the demand for an enquiry to establish the death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

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17. The question of inquiry was again raised in the Lok Sabha on August 22, 1969 during the course of interpellation on Starred Question No.8 Shri S.M. Banerji wanted to know why the Government could not appoint another Commission to inquire into the whole thing. The Home Minister replied "This matter is under the active consideration of the Government. The Prime Minister has recently received certain memorandum from Members of Parliament and we are very actively considering this."

18. It is for consideration whether a Commission of Inquiry should be appointed. In case it is decided that such a Commission should be appointed, it may consist of a single Judge of the Supreme Court. Minister of Home Affairs and Minister of External Affairs have seen this note.

(L. P. Singh)
Secretary to the Govt. of India

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NEW DELHI-1.

The 1st September, 1969.

Cabinet Secretariat



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India International Centre

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Dear Prime Minister,

I wanted to hand over personally to you a letter signed by three sons of our father Parat Chandra Bose regarding the so-called ashes of Netaji now in Renkoji Temple in Japan. I met Sri H.P. Sharma in the Parliament House yesterday and expressed my desire to see you for a few minutes. I, however, had the impression that in all probability I shall not be able to meet you before I leave for Calcutta on the Monday (14th May) evening flight.

I am therefore, handing over personally our letter at your residence. I am also releasing the letter to

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the press in view of its great public importance.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely
Arunyashankar Bose

Sri V. P. Singh,
Prime Minister of India

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BARRISTER-AT-LAW

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May 4, 1990

To
Shri Viswanath Pratap Singh
Prime Minister of India
5 Race Course Road
New Delhi 110001

Dear Prime Minister,

Recently a report appeared in a Calcutta paper that certain persons are attempting to bring the 'ashes' now lying in the Rankoji Temple in Tokyo to India and foist them on the Indian people as the 'ashes' of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. In this connection, we consider it our duty to place before you and the Government of India the views of Mahatma Gandhi and our father Sarat Chandra Bose on this matter.

In October 1945 Mr. Alfred Wagg, was correspondent of the Chicago Tribune visited our father Sarat Chandra Bose at our Calcutta Woodburn Park residence. Mr. Wagg accompanied the American Intelligence Party, which went to Taihoku Airport from General MacArthur's Headquarters to make enquires about the alleged Air Crash, in which according to Japanese news agency report Netaji met with a fatal accident. Mr. Wagg inspected the Taihoku Airport alongwith three photographs of a damaged plane supplied to American Intelligence Party by the Japanese. Mr. Wagg informed our father that those photographs were not and could not have been taken at the Taihoku Airport. Mr. Wagg informed our father that the photographs supplied by the Japanese were fake photos.

Dr. Radhabinod Pal became a member of the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal, which tried General Tojo and others. The American Judge in the Tribunal showed Dr. Pal the report of the American intelligence Party came to the definite conclusion that there was no

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evidence that Netaji died in Taihoku as a result of an air crash. Mr. Pal informed our father as well as issued a public statement recording this fact. No photograph of Netaji's dead body has been produced by the Japanese.

In August 1946, General Zaman Kiani, Col. Habibur Rahman and Col. Gulzara Singh, all top ranking officers of the INA, spent a fortnight at our Woodburn Park residence. Col. Habibur Rahman accompanied Netaji in the same plane from Saigon. Our father Sarat Chandra Bose questioned Col. Habibur Rahman in detail and rejected his version of the alleged air crash and Netaji's death. Sarat Chandra Bose issued public statements and made a number of speeches in public meetings stating that Netaji did not die in any air crash at Taihoku Airport.

A burnt wrist watch was delivered to father by Col. Habibur Rahman. According to Col. Habibur Rahman Netaji was wearing this wrist watch at the time of the alleged air crash. General Zaman Kiani senior-most General of INA informed our father that Netaji never used such a watch during his entire stay in East Asia. In fact, General Kiani informed our father that a dozen of similar watches were being used by different INA Officers.

During the life-time of our youngest ~~uncle~~ uncle late Sailesh Chandra Bose a statement signed by him and all the sons of every-one of Netaji's brothers were issued to the press at Calcutta stating that the 'ashes' at Renkoji Temple were not the 'ashes' of Netaji.

Mahatma Gandhi granted an interview to Col. Habibur Rahman in 1945 and after speaking to him in detail, issued a press statement that Netaji did not die in any air crash.

The Government of India appointed two Commissions of Enquiry to Enquire into this matter. The Janata Government rejected the findings of both the Commissions. The Government of India has

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inally decided that the story of Netaji's death in an air crash cannot be accepted as conclusive.

We are firmly of the view that to bring the 'ashes' now lying in the Renkoji Temple in Tokyo to India as 'ashes' of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose will be an act of sacrilege, which should not be allowed by the people and Government of India.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ashoke Nath Bose

(ASHOKE NATH BOSE)

Amiya Nath Bose

(AMIYA NATH BOSE)

Subrata Bose

(SUBRATA BOSE)

DO. NO. 800/6/C/1/90/OL

R. Sen
Joint Secretary

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19 May, 1990.

Dear Dr. Bose,

I have been asked by the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of May 11, and to inform you that it is being brought to the attention of the Ministry of External Affairs.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

R. Sen
(R. Sen)

Shri Amiya Nath Bose,
226/4A Netaji S.C. Bose Road,
Calcutta 700040

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PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

Enclosed please find a copy each of Shri Amiya Nath Bose's letter to PM and ~~JS~~^{my} reply dated 19th May, 1990 together with a copy of a letter jointly addressed to PM by Shri Ashoke Nath Bose and two others,

RS
(R. Sen)
23.5.90

Joint Secretary (EA), MEA

P.m.'s office L.O. No. 800/6/c/1/90 tel dt. 23.5.90

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New Delhi****Fax Message**

From Foreign New Delhi

To Indembassy Tokyo (Fax No. 0081-03-3234-4866)

Shri Biren Nanda, DCM from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Sh. Sen

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The Commission has further sent a copy of the Notice regarding their visit to Japan which is to be published both in English and Japanese. The Notice alongwith the Commission's letter in this regard are faxed herewith for appropriate action at your end.

The contents of your fax of 30th August regarding the deposition of the lone witness have been communicated to the Commission.

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)
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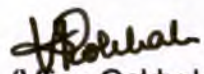
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(Vijay Gokhale)
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D.O. No JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/297

September 02, 2002

Dear

This is in continuation of my d.o. letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/295 dated August 29, 2002. I am to inform you that there was an inadvertent typographical mistake in the Notice sent along with the said d.o. letter. In the 5th (fifth) line of the Notice the word 'Tuesday' may kindly be read as 'Wednesday'. 5 (five) copies of corrected Notice are sent herewith for necessary action. Inconvenience, if any, caused by this inadvertent mistake is regretted.

Harm regards,

Yours *Sincerely*
P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl: Notice – 5 copies

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/ 297(1)

September 02, 2002

Copy forwarded along with a copy of Notice for necessary action to Shri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary (IS) to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi – 110 001- in reference to the endorsement copy JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/296(1) dated August 29, 2002 and telephonic talk with him regarding visit to Japan.

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(P K Sengupta)
Secretary

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TELEFAX

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated September 2, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 28th August, 2002 conveying the programme for the visit of the Commission to Japan.

We have just been informed by our Mission in Tokyo that Mr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi, the lone witness willing to depose before the Commission, has conveyed his inability to travel to Tokyo on account of his frail physical condition. However, he has reiterated his willingness to depose before the Commission in Miyazaki, his hometown. A modified programme for the visit of the Commission to Japan which has, accordingly, been drawn up is faxed herewith.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this message.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/Study(PMO)-Follow Up/2002-03/Kolkata, dated, 27th August'2002.
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From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer On Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to MHA's U.O. No. VI/11034/63/2002-IS(D.III) dated 16.8.2002 forwarding to MEA a copy of the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Study(PMO)-Follow-Up/2002-03/84/155 dated 27.6.2002 and to request you to kindly report immediately whether any treaty was signed/ratified by the Government of India in 1971 by which the limitation of time bar regarding arrest and trial of War Criminals was withdrawn and if so, who were the War Criminals of India or of Indian Origin or of the British India for whose arrest and trial India signed the treaty in 1971.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

2.9.2002

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Replied vide S.M. 75/C

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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/ 278

August 22, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale,*

I am to request you to kindly refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated August 19, 2002 to Shri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, a copy of which has been faxed to the Commission by Shri M S Zuha, Desk Officer and also to my d.o.letter No.JMCI/Overseas Witness/70/274 dated August 21, 2002 to Shri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, a copy whereof has been endorsed to you.

Inviting your notice to the para 6 and 7 of your above-quoted d.o. letter dated August 19, 2002, I am to inform you that the Commission intends to visit the following places in Taipei:-

- i. **Taihoku Airport**, the site of alleged plane crash on August 18. 1945 ;
- ii. **Nan Mon (Nam Mong) Military Hospital, Taihoku**, Formosa, where Subhas Chandra Bose allegedly died as a result of the injuries allegedly sustained by him in the alleged plane crash on August 18, 1945;
- iii. **Municipal Crematorium, Taipei** where the alleged deadbody of Subhas Chandra Bose was allegedly cremated;
- iv. **Bureau of Health and Hygiene, Taipei Municipal Office** (the alleged Cremation Certificate regarding the alleged cremation of the alleged deadbody of Subhas Chandra Bose was issued by the Bureau of Health and Hygiene, Taipei);
- v. **Hokuto Military Hospital** (Col. Habibur Rahaman and some other alleged victims of the alleged plane crash were allegedly transferred to that hospital).

Besides the visit to the aforesaid places, the Commission also intends to examine a number of witnesses whose particulars, as available in the documents and records in the possession of the Commission, have already been sent to you.

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*I have asked Taipei
for inputs/info. R. anwar.*

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I am directed to request you to kindly let the Commission know at the earliest the feasibility of the proposed visit of the Commission to the aforesaid places. I am also to request you to kindly make further endeavor to locate the aforesaid witnesses so that the Commission may examine them.

After receiving your reply on the aforesaid points, the Commission will consider the question of visiting Taiwan and the decision that may be taken in this regard will be communicated *to you* for necessary action.

In view of what you have stated in the last and the penultimate paras of your above-quoted letter, the Commission has already decided to delink the proposed visit to Taiwan from the visit to Japan. The programme of visit to Japan stands unchanged. However, for the return journey on September 18, 2002 (Wednesday) from Japan to Kolkata, the Flight No. AI - 307 (via Mumbai) or the Flight No. AI - 305 (via Bangkok) may be availed of, depending on convenience.

Regard,

Yours *sincerely,*

P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/278/1

August 22, 2002

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:

Shri Akhil Jain, The Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), North Block, New Delhi - 110001. Necessary government approval, financial sanction and political clearance may be communicated at an early date to enable the Commission to purchase Air Tickets and make all necessary arrangements.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary



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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/ 274

August 21, 2002

Dear

I am to request you to refer to the d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 19.08.2002 of Shri Vijay Gokhle, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to you, a copy of which has been received today at this end by FAX alongwith a forwarding letter from Shri M. S. Zuha, Desk Officer.

I am to inform you that, considering the time that may be consumed in getting the details relating to Taiwan, the Commission thinks that it will be prudent to de-link the visit to Taiwan from Japan. Replies to the queries raised in the above-quoted d.o. letter are being sent separately.

I am directed to say that in view of the queries raised in the above-quoted d.o. letter and the time that may be consumed in getting the details relating to Taiwan, the Commission has decided to de-link Taipei and stick to its programme of Japan only. Depending on the replies to the queries regarding details relating to Taiwan from the Ministry of External Affairs, the Commission will consider the question of visiting Taiwan and making a programme for such visit.

I am further to say that the Commission's programme of visiting to Tokyo remains unchanged and the expected date of departure of the Commission from the Tokyo for India by air is 18.09.2002 (Wednesday). Letter giving details and a copy of the revised programme are being sent shortly.

O/c. Al. Jha.
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W.S. (N.S.O.)

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Sh. Sen

The Ministry of External Affairs may be informed accordingly.

Yours

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Sd/—
(P.K. Sengupta)

To
Shri A. K. Jain,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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August 21, 2002

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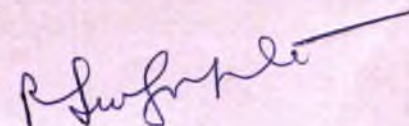
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**Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
to Japan and Taipei (Taiwan)****Revised Programme**

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| 12.09.2002 | Thursday | Leaving Kolkata by AI353 at 22.15 Hrs. for Mumbai. |
| 13.09.2002 | Friday | Leaving Mumbai for Narita by AI306 at 14.45 Hrs. |
| 14.09.2002 | Saturday | To visit Renkoji Temple. |
| 15.09.2002 | Sunday | To visit other relevant places. |
| 16.09.2002 & 17.09.2002 | Monday to Tuesday | Sitting, examination of the witnesses, Dr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi, and other witnesses, if any. To meet the local persons at Renkoji Temple who are reportedly not willing to depose formally as witnesses but willing to meet the Commission. |
| 18.09.2002 | Wednesday | Leaving Japan (Narita Air Port) for Mumbai by AI307 at 12.00 Hrs. |

**(P. K. Sengupta)**
Secretary



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/295

August 29, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale,*

Please refer to your d.o. letter No 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated August 28, 2002 and its enclosures which have been received by fax today.

As regards the issue of the Notice regarding visit of the Commission to Tokyo, I am to send herewith 4 (four) copies of Notice for publication / distribution in such a manner as the Indian Mission in Tokyo may think appropriate.

Warm regards,

Smt. 83/c
Yours *Sincerely*

P.K. Sengupta

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Secretary

Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
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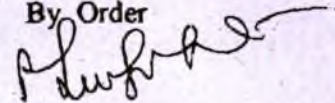
NOTICE

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry set up by the Government of India to inquire into the facts and circumstances related to the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in 1945 and subsequent developments connected therewith including the following matters will be visiting Japan from **September 14, 2002 (Saturday)** to **September 18, 2002 (Wednesday)**. The Commission will leave Japan in the morning of **September 18, 2002**.

- (a) whether Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is dead or alive;
- (b) If he is dead, whether he died in the plane crash, as alleged;
- (c) whether the ashes in the Japanese temple are ashes of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose,
- (d) whether he has died in any other manner at any other place and, if so, when and how;
- (e) if he is alive, in respect of his whereabouts.

Any individual, group of persons, associations, institutions or organisations acquainted with or having knowledge, directly or indirectly, of the facts and circumstances relating to the aforesaid matters referred to the Commission for Inquiry and having interest in the proceedings before the Commission or wishing to assist the Commission in making the inquiry into the matters as mentioned above may contact the Embassy of India in Tokyo at 2-11, Kandan - Minami 2 - Chome, Chiyoda - Ku, Tokyo 102 or the Commission at Hotel New Otani, (Telephone 3265 - 1111, Fax. 32212619) from **September 14, 2002** to **September 17, 2002**,

By Order



(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
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D.O. No. JMC1/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/296

August 29, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale,*

Please refer to your d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol..VIII dated August 28, 2002 and its enclosures which have been received by fax today. In this connection, I am to invite your notice to my d.o letter No. JMC1/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/278 dated August 22, 2002. In the last paragraph of which you were informed that the return journey on September 18, 2002 (Wednesday) might be by Flight No.AI 307 (via Mumbai) or Flight No.AI 305 via Bangkok, depending on convenience.

I am to inform you now that the Hon'ble Chairman, Mr Justice M.K.Mukherjee, accompanied by Mrs. Mukherjee, will be returning from Tokyo on September 18, 2002 by Air India Flight No. AI 307 via Mumbai, while I would avail myself of the Air India Flight No. AI 305 (via Bangkok) on the same day.

Yours *Sincerely,*

(P.K. Sengupta)
 Secretary

Shri Vijay Gokhale
 Joint Director (CNV)
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August 29, 2002

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P.K. Sengupta)
 Secretary

Shri Gokhale
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✓ Copy alongwith a copy of the modified programme for the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan for information and necessary action to Shri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi – This has reference to our endorsement of even number dated 28th August, 2002.

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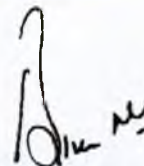
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Subject: Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission

Mr. Yoshiini Taneyoshi, the lone witness willing to depose before the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission, has just conveyed his inability to travel to Tokyo for the purpose of the deposition, due to his advanced age and his frail physical condition. He has however, reiterated his willingness to depose before the Commission in Miyazaki, his hometown. The Hon'ble Commission may therefore like to visit him in Miyazaki to record his deposition.

Accordingly, a modified programme, including a visit to Miyazaki is being faxed herewith. This may kindly be conveyed to the Hon'ble Commission for their approval. We are making tentative arrangements immediately due to the short lead time for the visit. Amendments to the sanction for the visit may also be made to cover the visit to Miyazaki.

With kind rgs.



(Biren Nanda)

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**Embassy of India
Tokyo**

**Suggested Programme for the Visit of Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee
Commission to Japan**

Saturday, 14th September, 2001:

0800 hrs: Arrival Narita airport by Air India flight No.AI-306

Departure for Hotel New Otani (Phone:3265-1111, Fax: 3221-2619)

Programme as convenient (May visit Hibiya Park, Imperial Hotel, Kamakura and Zushi)

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1300 hrs: Departure for Chancery

1330 hrs: Lunch hosted by Shri Biren Nanda, Deputy Chief of Mission

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1545 hrs: Departure for Haneda airport

1735 hrs: Departure for Miyazaki by ANA-613

1910 hrs: Arrival at Miyazaki

Stay at Miyazaki

Tuesday, 17th September, 2002:

0900 hrs: Deposition of Dr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi

1300 hrs: Departure for Miyazaki airport

1500 hrs: Departure for Tokyo by SNA-118

1630 hrs: Arrival at Haneda airport

1800 hrs: Dinner hosted by Shri Tanmoy Banerjee, Prominent Indian

Wednesday, 18th September, 2002:

0900 hrs: Departure Hotel for Narita airport

1200 hrs: Departure Narita for India by Air India flight No. AI-307

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council.

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

S. No. 80/c

SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

This has reference to your fax message of August 23, 2002 regarding the
alleged disappearance of Netaji.

Contents of the above fax message have been discussed with DG. As very
little information is available here readily, it would take us some time to
compile them and send back to the ITA Council. We will try to send a
response by the next week.

With warm regards.

Date: 23.8.200223/8/2002
(S K Verma)

Deputy Director General

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/ 270

August 19, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale,*

Received to-day your d.o. letter dated 09.08.2002 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan. As more than a week has elapsed since then, it may be naturally presumed that there has been further development in the matter in the mean time. I am to request you to kindly expedite the matter and let the Commission know by Fax the latest position. You will definitely appreciate the urgency of the matter and take all necessary steps to enable the Commission to stick to the programme communicated to you and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

I am to inform you further that the programme has already been circulated among the deponents who have been participating in the hearing of the Commission and more than one of them is likely to go to Japan and Taiwan.

Regards,

Yours

Sincerely,
P.K. Sengupta
 (P.K. Sengupta)

To
 Shri Vijay Gokhale,
 Joint Secretary (CNV),
 Ministry of External Affairs,
 Government of India, South Block,
 New Delhi-110001.

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August 19, 2002

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

(P.K. Sengupta)

We have
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol VIII

Dated August 28, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

S NO. 76/c

Please refer to your endorsement No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/274/1 dated 21.8.02 regarding the revised programme pertaining to the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan.

Our Mission in Tokyo has drawn up a programme for the visit which is annexed herewith. Kindly confirm that the programme is in order.

In one of its earlier communications on the subject, the Commission had mentioned that a Notice was to be issued by our Mission in Tokyo in connection with its hearing in Japan. In case this Notice is to be issued, it is requested that a format of the same may be sent to us with instructions, if any, regarding its publication/distribution.

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o/c (CNV)

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)

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✓ Copy to Shri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi – This has reference to Justice Mukherjee Commission's letter No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/244 and endorsement No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/244 dated 6.8.02 regarding inter alia issue of financial sanction for the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan. In this connection, we would like to inform you that our Mission in Tokyo has sought financial sanction on accommodation in hotel and transport on actual basis, hiring an interpreter @ Yen 70,000 per day and for other miscellaneous expenses on actuals, including video recording and photography at the deposition of the witness in the Embassy premises and the interaction at the Renkoji temple as requested by the Commission.

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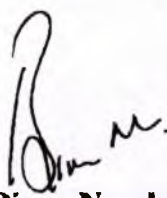
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This refers to your fax No.25/4/NGO.Vol.VIII dated August 13, 2002 regarding the visit of the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan. We have reworked the programme of the Hon'ble Commission's visit to Japan in consultation with the Foreign Office. A copy of the revised programme is placed below.

With kind reg.


(Biren Nanda)
27.8.2002

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Please draft a fax
for Shri P.K. Lingappa from
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**Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi**

Fax Message

From Foreign New Delhi

To Indembassy Tokyo

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Shri Biren Nanda, DCM from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)

This has reference to my fax of 23rd August communicating the revised programme of the Commission pertaining to its visit to Japan. Kindly confirm whether the proposed meeting with the witnesses at the Renkoji Temple has been rescheduled accordingly, to enable us convey the same to the Commission.

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Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
27.08.2002

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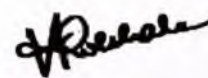
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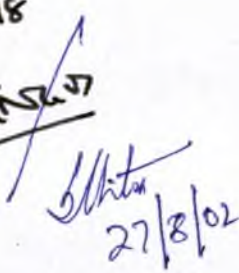
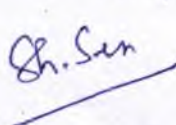
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Fax Message

From : ITA Council, New Delhi

To : ITA Taipei [Fax No.00886-2-]

Ranjit Gupta, DG from Vijay Gokhale

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Reference: my fax dated 12.8.2002 regarding proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry team to Taipei from 19 to 24 September 2002 in connection with inquiry into alleged disappearance of Netaji.

2. The proposed visit will not repeat not be taking place as scheduled for the present.

3. In order to enable the Commission to take a view on their visit to Taipei, kindly let me know at the earliest the feasibility of a visit by the Commission to the undermentioned places associated with the inquiry into the disappearance of Netaji.

- (a) Taihoku Airport, site of alleged plane crash on 18.8.1945.
- (b) Nam Mong (Nam Mon) Military hospital, Taihoku where Netaji allegedly died as a result of injuries sustained in the alleged plane crash (they will also need access to records).
- (c) Municipal Crematorium, Taipei where the alleged body of Netaji was allegedly cremated (they will need access to records).
- (d) Bureau of Health & Hygiene, Taipei Municipal Hospital – the cremation certificate was issued by them.
- (e) Hokutu Military Hospital where Col. H. Rehman and others in the alleged plane crash were transferred.

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4. In DDG's fax message dated 20.8.2002 he indicated that the former Japanese Military Hospital does not exist. Grateful indicate what 'new developments' have come up at its location, and also whether its records have been transferred elsewhere.

5. Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has requested that further efforts also be made to locate witnesses. In paragraph 5 of DDG's fax dated 20.8.2002 he had indicated that information was awaited from Taiwanese authorities. Grateful indicate whether any response has been received.

6. The above information may be sent to us early in order to enable the Commission to determine fresh dates for its visit.

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)
23.8.2002

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August 22, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale,*

S. 49/c

I am to request you to kindly refer to your d.o letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol VIII dated August 19, 2002 to Shri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, a copy of which has been faxed to the Commission by Shri M S Zuhra, Desk Officer and also to my d.o.letter No.JMCI/Overseas Witness/70/274 dated August 21, 2002 to Shri Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, a copy whereof has been endorsed to you.

Inviting your notice to the para 6 and 7 of your above-quoted d.o. letter dated August 19, 2002, I am to inform you that the **Commission intends to visit the following places in Taipei:-**

- i. **Taihoku Airport**, the site of alleged plane crash on August 18, 1945,
- ii. **Nan Mon (Nam Mong) Military Hospital, Taihoku, Formosa**, where Subhas Chandra Bose allegedly died as a result of the injuries allegedly sustained by him in the alleged plane crash on August 18, 1945;
- iii. **Municipal Crematorium, Taipei** where the alleged deadbody of Subhas Chandra Bose was allegedly cremated;
- iv. **Bureau of Health and Hygiene, Taipei Municipal Office** (the alleged Cremation Certificate regarding the alleged cremation of the alleged deadbody of Subhas Chandra Bose was issued by the Bureau of Health and Hygiene, Taipei);
- v. **Hokuto Military Hospital** (Col. Habibur Rahaman and some other alleged victims of the alleged plane crash were allegedly transferred to that hospital).

Besides the visit to the aforesaid places, the Commission **also intends to examine a number of witnesses** whose particulars, as available in the documents and records in the possession of the Commission, have already been sent to you.

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DATE, TIME I am directed to request you to kindly let the Commission know at the earliest the feasibility of the proposed visit of the Commission to the aforesaid places. I am also to request you to kindly endeavor to locate the aforesaid witnesses so that the Commission may examine the RESULT

MODE After receiving your reply on the aforesaid points, the Commission will consider the question of visiting Taiwan and the decision that may be taken in this regard will be communicated to you for necessary action.

In view of what you have stated in the last and the penultimate paras of your above-quoted letter, the Commission has already decided to delink the proposed visit to Taiwan from the visit to Japan. The programme of visit to Japan stands unchanged. However, for the return journey on September 18, 2002 (Wednesday) from Japan to Kolkata, the Flight No. AI - 307 (via Mumbai) or the Flight No. AI - 305 (via Bangkok) may be availed of, depending on convenience.

Regard,

Yours sincerely,

P.K. Sengupta

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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New Delhi-110001

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August 22, 2002

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:
Shri Akhil Jain, The Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), North Block, New Delhi - 110001. Necessary government approval, financial sanction and political clearance may be communicated at an early date to enable the Commission to purchase Air Tickets and make all necessary arrangements.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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**Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi**

Fax Message

From Foreign New Delhi

To Indembassy Tokyo

Shri Biren Nanda, DCM from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)

S. 78/c

This has reference to your fax No. Tok/102/03/2001 dated August 22, 2002 regarding arrangements in connection with the visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

The Commission has now informed us that it will not be going to Taiwan after its visit to Japan. The new schedule of the Commission is forwarded herewith. It may be seen that the Commission will now be leaving Japan on 18th September, 2002. It will avail of flight No. AI 307 or AI 305 on that date depending on convenience. In view of this, the Mission will have to reschedule the informal meeting of the Commission with Netaji's associates at the Renkoji Temple either for the 16th or the 17th September, 2002. Kindly confirm the revised programme as proposed.

No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
23.08.2002

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Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan

Revised Programme

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| 12.09.2002 | Thursday | Leaving Kolkata by AI 353 at 2215 Hrs. for Mumbai |
| 13.09.2002 | Friday | Leaving Mumbai for Narita by AI 306 at 1445 Hrs. |
| 14.09.2002 | Saturday | To visit Renkoji Temple |
| 15.09.2002 | Sunday | To visit other relevant places |
| 16.09.2002 & 17.09.2002 | Monday to Tuesday | Sitting, examination of the witness, Dr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi, and other witnesses, if any. To meet the local persons at Renkoji Temple who are reportedly not willing to depose formally as witnesses but willing to meet the Commission. |
| 18.09.2002 | Wednesday | Leaving Japan (Narita Airport) for Mumbai by AI 307 at 1200 Hrs. |

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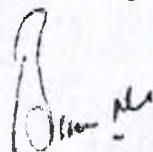
This refers to your fax No.25/4/NGO.Vol.VIII dated August 13, 2002 regarding the visit of the Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan. The proposed itinerary has been noted and accommodation has been reserved at Hotel New Otani, (Phone:81-3-3265-1111, Fax: 81-3-3221-2619) for the duration of the visit. Grateful arrange sanction for accommodation, transport on actuals basis, hiring an interpreter @ Yen 70,000 per day and for other miscellaneous expenses on actuals, including the video recording and photography at the deposition of the lone witness in the Embassy premises and the interaction at the Renkoji temple.

Shri C. Rajasekhar, First Secretary will be the designated liaison officer for the Hon'ble Commission. We have duly notified the Renkoji temple, the Japanese Foreign Office and the lone witness about the proposed visit of the Commission. An informal interaction with Netaji's associates is also being arranged at 1100 hours on Wednesday, September 18, 2002, at the Renkoji temple.

Ambassador proposes to host a luncheon for the Commission and Netaji's associates on Wednesday, September 18, 2002 you may kindly confirm that it would be convenient for the Hon'ble Justice and the Secretary of the Commission to attend the luncheon.

The Hon'ble Commission, on an earlier occasion, wanted to issue a public notice in Japan. A draft notice and modalities of issuance may also kindly be conveyed to us.

With kind regards.


(Biren Nanda)

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
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D.O. No. JMC1/Overscas-Witness/2000-01/701/274

August 21, 2002

Dear

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I am to request you to refer to the d.o. letter no. 25/4/JGO-Vol.VIII dated 19.08.2002 of Shri Vijay Gokhle, Joint Secretary (C1/C), Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to you, a copy of which has been received today at this end by FAX alongwith a forwarding letter from Shri M. S. Zuha, Desk Officer

I am to inform you that, considering the time that may be consumed in getting the details relating to Taiwan, the Commission thinks that it will be prudent to de-link the visit to Taiwan from Japan. Replies to the queries raised in the above-quoted d.o. letter are being sent separately

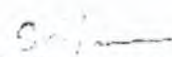
I am directed to say that in view of the queries raised in the above-quoted d.o. letter and the time that may be consumed in getting the details relating to Taiwan, the Commission has decided to de-link Taipei and stick to its programme of Japan only. Depending on the replies to the queries regarding details relating to Taiwan from the Ministry of External Affairs, the Commission will consider the question of visiting Taiwan and making a programme for such visit.

I am further to say that the Commission's programme of visiting to Tokyo remains unchanged and the expected date of departure of the Commission from the Tokyo for India by air is 18.09.2002 (Wednesday). Letter giving details and a copy of the revised programme are being sent shortly

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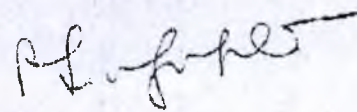
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Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

D.O. No JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/274/1

August 21, 2002

Copy forwarded to :
Shri Vijay Gokhle,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,

New Delhi-110001 - for information and necessary action in reference to
his d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 19.08.2002
to Akhil Jain, Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home
Affairs, Government of India, North Block, New Delhi-
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(P.K. Singupta)

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FAX NO. : 091 033 252 2765

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No. JMCH/OVERSEAS WITNESSES/2000-01/70/11, Folkara, dated, August 21, 2002

Visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan and Taipei (Taiwan)

Revised Programme

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|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| 12.09.2002 | Thursday | Leaving Kolkata by AI353 at 22.15 Hrs. for Mumbai. |
| 13.09.2002 | Friday | Leaving Mumbai for Narita by AI306 at 14.45 Hrs. |
| 14.09.2002 | Saturday | To visit Renkoji Temple. |
| 15.09.2002 | Sunday | To visit other relevant places. |
| 16.09.2002 & 17.09.2002 | Monday to Tuesday | Sitting examination of the witnesses, Dr. Yoshimi Tancyoshi, and other witnesses, if any. To meet the local persons at Renkoji Temple who are reportedly not willing to depose formally as witnesses but willing to meet the Commission. |
| 18.09.2002 | Wednesday | Leaving Japan (Narita Air Port) for Mumbai by AI307 at 12.00 Hrs. |

(F K Sengupta)
Secretary



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated August 22, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This has reference to your letter No. JMCI/Study(P.M.O.)/Follow Up/2002-03/84/254 dated 12.8.02 regarding the Treaty signed by the Government of India in 1971 regarding withdrawal of the limitation of time bar for arrest and trial of war criminals.

We would like to clarify that India's accession to the Convention on the Non-Applicability of the Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity on 12th January, 1971, was an affirmation of its support for the principle that persons accused of war crimes should not escape punishment through applicable statutory limitations. It is also clarified that no Indian nationals were accused of war crimes.

Please find enclosed herewith copies of the General Assembly Records pertaining to the Convention.

Yours sincerely,

V. Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700 087

Encls: as above

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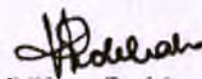
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**Ministry of External Affairs
CNV Division**

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

Prime Minister's Office may please refer to letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/225 dated 30.7.02 (copy enclosed) from the Justice Mukherjee Commission. As is evident, the issue of radio broadcast made from Radio Moscow by a student in the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is not fully dealt with in the corr. Page 153 of file no. 2(64)/56-68-PM which has been sent to us by the Commission. It is, therefore, requested that copies of the subsequent pages, i.e., pages 154 onwards, of the said file pertaining to the issue of the radio broadcast may be sent to this Ministry for further necessary action at this end. S.59/c

2. Further, with reference to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/194 dated 22.7.02 alongwith its enclosure(copies enclosed), it is requested that copies of (i) U.O. No. 800/6/C/I/90-Pol dated May 23, 1990, (ii) letter dated May 11, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose, (iii) the reply dated May 19, 1990 of Shri R.Sen, the then JS(PMO), and (iv) the letter dated May 4, 1990 addressed to Shri V.P.Singh, the then Prime Minister, jointly authored by S/Shri Ashoke Nath Bose, Amiya Nath Bose and Subrata Bose may be sent to this Ministry to facilitate this Ministry's reply to the Commission. S No. 59/c


(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary (CNV)

Smt. Renuka Kumar, Director, Prime Minister's Office

MEA U.O. No. 25/4/NGO – Vol.VIII dated 22.08.2002

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**Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi**

FAX MESSAGE

To: Shri Alok Prasad, DCM,
Indembassy Washington

From: Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary
(CNV)

Pages: 1

Date: 22.08.2002

Return: Fax: 379-2285

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

S.58/c

The Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry has asked for the present postal address, telephone and fax numbers, and e-mail address of the National Archives of the USA & Records Administration, Maryland, USA."

I would be grateful if the desired information could be communicated to me at the earliest.

No. 25/4/NGO -Vol.VIII
Dated 22nd August, 2002

Vijay Gokhale
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated August 22, 2002

Dear Venkatesh,

Please refer to my letter of even number dated 5th July, 2002 regarding names and addresses of all Archives in Russia. The requisite information may please be sent to us at the earliest.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma
First Secretary(Pol)
Embassy of India
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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council. (91-11-3792124)

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei

S.42/c

SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

This has reference to your fax message of August 12, 2002 regarding inquiry into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. It may be recalled that the Justice Khosla Commission had earlier visited Taipei in 1973 and in his report it had stated that the Commission could not locate any original or authentic document in Taipei (Our fax of September 19, 2001 refers). Sometime last year, an Indian national, who has been associated with the search for Netaji for over four decades visited ITA office. When we spoke to the authorities from the former Japanese Military Hospital in Taipei, we were told those documents which were fifty years or more old had already been destroyed. In fact, the former Japanese Military Hospital does not exist here anymore and new developments have come up at its location.

3. We had taken it up on September 19, 2001 with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for any additional information on the alleged disappearance of Netaji. In response to our request, the note sent to us by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, interalia mentioned that in a book edited and published by the Ministry of National Defence of Taiwan in May 1991 on war against the Japanese aggression in China and the chronology of its major events, page no. 531 says that " ... Chandra Bose was injured and he died in the aircrash at Taipei airport". Photographs or other reference materials of this incident are not available with agencies contacted by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Our message of October 22, 2001 mentions names of those agencies which the Ministry of Foreign Affairs had contacted. The above letter also mentions that further details may perhaps be available with the Japanese authorities (Japanese Archives of Foreign Relations and Japan National Parliament Library). (Our message of November 6, 2001 refers)

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4. ITA forwarded a list of six individuals (received from ITA Council dated November 27, 2001) mentioned in the book entitled "Netaji Mystery" authored by Dr. Satyanarayan Sinha to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs but due to lack of their full names, the local authorities could not locate any of them. (Our message of December 3, 2001 refers)

5. ITA forwarded another list of witnesses examined by the Khosla Commission when it had visited Taipei to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on June 13, 2002 with a request to convey any information in respect of the mentioned witnesses. We have not received any response from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs despite reminders. Our fax of July 23, 2002 refers.

6. In a nutshell, it is likely to be very very difficult to find people mentioned in the list of witnesses in the Khosla Commission report. Even if they are somehow located, due to old age, the reliability of their memory would be doubtful. In such a situation, we are not very sure if the Commission will be able to obtain any additional information.

7. No one here knows the exact site of the plane crash on August 18, 1945 in which Netaji allegedly died. Therefore, ITA Council may like to ascertain the information describing the exact location of the plane crash from other sources or documents so that we could pass on the information to the local authorities for obtaining permission enabling the Commission to visit the site. Such a visit will not be possible without permission, particularly when ITA officials are not to be involved with the visit as per the Council's instructions.

8. It is requested that arrival and departure details of the Commission may be sent to us so that ITA may approach the local authorities for suitable permissions. It is also requested that the specific requests of the Commission may be sent to us so that proper arrangements could be made for related meetings etc.

9. This issues with DG's approval.

With warm regards,

Date: August 20, 2002

SK Verma
(S K Verma)

Deputy Director General



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)

Secretary

Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
for inquiry into the alleged disappearance of
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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/ 270

August 19, 2002

Dear Shri Gokhale,

S. 41/c

Received to-day your d.o. letter dated 09.08.2002 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan. As more than a week has elapsed since then, it may be naturally presumed that there has been further development in the matter in the mean time. I am to request you to kindly expedite the matter and let the Commission know by Fax the latest position. You will definitely appreciate the urgency of the matter and take all necessary steps to enable the Commission to stick to the programme communicated to you and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

I am to inform you further that the programme has already been circulated among the deponents who have been participating in the hearing of the Commission and more than one of them is likely to go to Japan and Taiwan.

Regards,

Yours

Sincerely,
P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Secretary (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India, South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/ 270/1(1)

August 19, 2002

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to the Joint Secretary (IS), Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi-110001

(P.K. Sengupta)

*I have informed
MHA. You could
SPE to Shri Sengupta
tomorrow & request
him to contact
Shri Akhil Jain,
JS (IS) in MHA.*

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*Spoken. He is
in touch with
Sh. Jain, JS, MHA.
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No. JMCI/ Study(PMO)/Follow Up/2002-03/84/257, Kolkata, dated, August 14, 2002

From : Shri M. Roy
Officer on Special Duty

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Dy No 2721/JS (CNV)/

Dated: 20/8/02

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's
letter NO. JMCI/Study(PMO)-Follow Up/2002-03/84/134
dated 21.6.02 and to request you to kindly send
immediately a complete list of the names and addresses
of all the Archives in Russia as solicited in the
aforesaid letter.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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No. JMCI/ Study(P.M.O)/Follow Up/2002-03/ Kolkata, dated, **August 12, 2002**
84/254

From : Shri M. Roy,
Officer on Special Duty.

To : Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi.

Dy No. 2722...JS (CNV)/
Dated: 20/8/02

Sub : Treaty signed by the Government
of India in 1971 regarding withdrawal
of the limitation of time bar for
arrest and trial of war criminals.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to M.H.A's U.O. No.VI/11034/63/
2002-IS (D.III) dated 19.7.2002 (copy enclosed) forwarding the
Commission's letter No. JMCI/Study(P M O)-Follow Up/2002-03/84/
155 dated 27.6.02 (copy enclosed) to the Ministry of External
Affairs, Government of India and to request you to kindly
furnish the Commission with the details of the war criminals of
India or of Indian origin or of the British India for whose
arrest and trial India signed the treaty in 1971, as
expeditiously as possible.

Enclosures : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty.



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BY SPEED POST

Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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Subject: Treaty signed by the G/o India in 1971 regarding withdrawal of arrest and trial of War Criminals.

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of letter No.JMCI/Study(PMO) - Follow Up/2002-03/Kolkata, dated 27.6.02 received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry on the subject noted above.

2. Ministry of External Affairs is requested to kindly confirm whether any treaty was signed/ratified by the Government of India in 1971 by which the limitations of time bar regarding arrest and trial of War Criminals was withdrawn. if so, please furnish the details of the War Criminals of India for whose arrest and trial India signed the treaty in 1971 directly to Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, on an urgent basis.

(MUKESH MITTAL)
DIRECTOR(IS-1)

M/o External Affairs (Shri Vijay Gokhale, Director(CNV), South Block, New Delhi

MHA's U.O.No.VI/11034/63/2002-IS(D.III) dt. 19.7.2002

✓ Copy to: Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, for information and with the request that the Commission may take up the matter further with Ministry of External Affairs directly. -

L. 11/A Mirza Ghalib Street,
Kolkata 700057.

(MUKESH MITTAL)
DIRECTOR(IS-1)

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Study(PMO) -Follow Up/2002-03/
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27th June* 2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

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28/6/02

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly report immediately whether any treaty was signed/ratified by the Government of India in 1971 by which the limitation of time bar regarding arrest and trial of War Criminals was withdrawn and, if so, who were the War Criminals of India or of Indian origin or of the British India for whose arrest and trial India signed the treaty in 1971.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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**No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/
70/265**

August 16, 2002

**The Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi-110001.**

**Sub: Visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan
(Taipei).**

**Ref: Commission's letter nos. JMCI/Overseas Witness/
2000-01/70/24 dt. 6.8.02, 245(1) dt. 6.8.02,
247 dt. 7.8.02, 288 dt. 7.9.01 and 241 dt. 2.8.02.**

Sir,

I am to request you to refer to the above. Tentative programme of the Commission's visit to Japan and Taiwan has been sent to all the deponents numbering more than 60 who have filed affidavits before the Commission and are participating in the hearing of the Commission. More than one of those deponents is likely to go to Japan and Taipei to attend the sitting and inspection of the Commission at those places. They have informed that they are making necessary preparations on the basis of the programme sent to them.

I am directed to request you to kindly communicate necessary approval, financial sanction and political clearance of the Government to the Commission as early as possible. Needless to say, this matter brooks no delay.

This may kindly be treated as urgent.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

**No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/
70/265/1(2) dt. 16.8.2002**

- Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-
- (1) Sri Vijoy Gekhale, Joint Secretary (GNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India, New Delhi-110001.
 - (2) Sri Mukesh Mittal, Deputy Secretary (IS-I), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council. (91-11-3792124)

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei.

SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

Reference your fax of 12.8.2002 regarding the visit of two member team to Taipei with reference to the alleged disappearance of Netaji.

The estimated expenditure on the above visit is as follows:

1. Charges for Airport pick up : NT\$1200 35.48
2. Hotel tariff for two Grand Club Guest rooms per night (including 10% service charge and ABF): NT\$ 14,630 (Grand Hyatt, Taipei) 432.58
3. Car hiring charges for first three hours (within city): NT\$1200 35.48
4. Car hiring charges for every additional hour : NT\$300 8.87
5. Charges for hiring an interpreter per hour : NT\$600 (Note:1) 17.74
6. Charges for Airport drop off : NT\$1000 29.56
7. Charges for a professional photographer for one day : NT\$7000 206.97

(Note : 1 : The interpreter will be able to type on a computer machine as well but the same will have to be provided to him. The charges will remain the same , i.e., NT\$600/hour)

The existing rate of exchange is US\$1 = NT\$ 33.82.

Kindly let us know the specific requests at the earliest so that appropriate permissions, if required may be taken.

Regards,

Date: 14.8.2002

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(S K Verma)

Deputy Director General

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
(Former Principal Secretary
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Secretary

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D.O. No. JNCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/ 271

August 19, 2002

Dear *Shri Jain,*

I am to request you to refer to the letters noted in the margin regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan. Till now no reply has been received from you. As already intimated, the programme of the Commission has already

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| 1) Letter No. 288 dt. 07.09.2001 | been circulated among all the deponents |
| 2) Letter No. 241 dt. 02.08.2002 | who have filed affidavits before the |
| 3) Letter No. 244 dt. 06.08.2002 | Commission and are participating in the |
| 4) Letter No. 245(1) dt. 06.08.2002 | hearing of the Commission. More than one |
| 5) Letter No. 247 dt. 07.08.2002 | of those deponents is likely to go to Japan |
| 6) Letter No. 265 dt. 15.08.2002 | and Taiwan to attend the sitting and |

inspection of the Commission at those places. Needless to say, the Commission wants to stick its programme, but unless necessary approval of the Government, financial sanction and political clearance are received immediately, it is not possible for the Commission to proceed further in the matter. You will definitely appreciate the urgency of the matter.

I am to request you to kindly take necessary steps so that the required Government approval, financial sanction and political clearance are received at this end without any further delay.

This may kindly be treated as extremely urgent.

Regard,

Yours sincerely,
P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)

To
Shri A. K. Jain,
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India, North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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By No. 2692/JS (CNV)/
Dated: 19/8/02

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MOST IMMEDIATE

Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

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Subject: Treaty signed by the G/o India in 1971 regarding withdrawal of arrest
and trial of War Criminals.

2.19/02

Please refer to this Ministry's U.O. of even number dated 19/7/02 forwarding
therewith a copy of letter No.JMCI/Study(PMO) – Follow Up/2002-03/Kolkata, dated
27/6/02 on the subject noted above.

2. It is requested that requisite report in the matter may kindly be expedited to the
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry under intimation to this Ministry.

(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

M/ o External Affairs (Shri Vijay Gokhale, Director (CNV) South Block, New Delhi
MHA's U.O.No.VI/11034/63/2002-IS(D.III) dt.16.8.02

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for a.a. please.

20/8/02

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
Secretary

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By No 2650.../JS (CNV)/02
Dated: 14/8/02

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D.O. No. JMCI/ Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/256 Dated: August 13, 2002.

Dear Shri Gokhale,

S. 34/c

I am to request you kindly refer to your d.o. letter
no.25/4/NGO-Vol.I.VIII dated 06.08.2002 regarding the proposed
visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan and to say that
the Commission does not have more details about the witnesses
in Taiwan. As already intimated earlier, the Commission does
not possess anymore details about the witness in Taiwan beyond
the names and particulars available in the Appendix-1 to the
report of the Khosla Commission which have already been
furnished to you.

Warm regards,

Yours Sincerely,
P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
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**No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/
70/244**

August 6, 2002

To
The Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry to Japan and Taiwan
(Taipei).

Sir,

Enclosed please find a copy of the tentative tour
programme of the Commission for its proposed visit to Japan
and Taiwan (Taipei) for information and necessary action.

I am to request you to kindly move the Govt. for appro-
val of the tour, financial sanction and political clearance and
communicate the necessary order to the Commission as early as
possible to enable it to make necessary arrangements for the
proposed visit to Japan & Taiwan.

This may be treated as extremely urgent.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K.Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/
244/1 dt. 6.8.02.

Copy forwarded to Mr. Vijoy Gokhale, Joint Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi-110001
for information.

(P.K.Sengupta)
Secretary

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**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
(Legal & Treaties Division)**

Sno. 20/c

Reference NGO section's note 2201/JS (CNV)/2002 dated 27 July 2002 regarding the Convention on the Non-Applicability of the Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity.

2. The Convention was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2391 (XXIII) of 26 November 1968 and opened for signature, ratification and accession on 16 December 1968 (F/A).

3. The Convention came into force 11 November 1970 in accordance with Article VIII. India had acceded to the Convention on 12 January 1971. As of now, the Convention has 46 States Parties and 9 signatories. Although State Parties to the Convention have made declarations and reservations, India does not appear to have filed any declaration or reservation to this Convention (F/B).

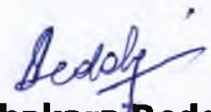
4. The Convention was prepared by the Human Rights Commission, wherein the definition of 'crime against humanity' was broadened compared to the definition contained in the Charter of the Nuremberg Tribunal, by including within its scope "eviction by armed attack or occupation and inhuman acts resulting from the policy of Apartheid and the crime of Genocide as defined in the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the crime of Genocide, even if such acts do not constitute a violation of a domestic law of the country in which they were committed".

5. The Convention was the result of fear, which grew in the mid-1960s that German war Criminals of World War II who had not yet been apprehended might escape prosecution because of the expiration of the periods of limitation applicable to their crimes. Article V of the Convention obligates the States Parties to the Convention to ensure that statutory or other limitations shall not apply to the prosecution and punishment of the crimes referred to in Article 1 of the Convention.

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6. It may be noted that no Indian nationals were accused of war crimes. Further, Indian criminal law does not provide any limitation period for criminal offences. India's accession to the Convention was thus not linked to the trial of any specific accused persons but was an affirmation of India's support for the principle that persons accused of war crimes should not escape punishment through applicable statutory limitation.

7 Enclosed herewith are the copies of the General Assembly Records pertaining to the Convention for your information.


(Dr. A. Sudhakara Reddy)
Legal Officer (Gr.II)
August 7, 2002

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**Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations
to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity**

**Adopted and opened for signature, ratification and accession by
General Assembly resolution 2391 (XXIII) of 26 November 1968**

entry into force 11 November 1970, in accordance with article VIII

status of ratifications, reservations and declarations

Preamble

The States Parties to the present Convention,

Recalling resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations 3 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 170 (II) of 31 October 1947 on the extradition and punishment of war criminals, resolution 95 (I) of 11 December 1946 affirming the principles of international law recognized by the Charter of the International Military Tribunal, Nurnberg, and the judgement of the Tribunal, and resolutions 2184(XXI) of 12 December 1966 and 2202(XXI) of 16 December 1966 which expressly condemned as crimes against humanity the violation of the economic and political rights of the indigenous population on the one hand and the policies of apartheid on the other,

Recalling resolutions of the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations 1074 D (XXXIX) of 28 July 1965 and 1158 (XLI) of 5 August 1966 on the punishment of war criminals and of persons who have committed crimes against humanity,

Noting that none of the solemn declarations, instruments or conventions relating to the prosecution and punishment of war crimes and crimes against humanity made provision for a period of limitation,

Considering that war crimes and crimes against humanity are among the gravest crimes in international law,

Convinced that the effective punishment of war crimes and crimes against humanity is an important element in the prevention of such crimes, the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, the encouragement of confidence, the furtherance of co-operation among peoples and the promotion of international peace and security,

Noting that the application to war crimes and crimes against humanity of the rules of municipal law relating to the period of limitation for ordinary crimes is a matter of serious concern to world public opinion, since it prevents the prosecution and punishment of persons responsible for those crimes,

Recognizing that it is necessary and timely to affirm in international law, through this

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Convention, the principle that there is no period of limitation for war crimes and crimes against humanity, and to secure its universal application,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

No statutory limitation shall apply to the following crimes, irrespective of the date of their commission:

(a) War crimes as they are defined in the Charter of the International Military Tribunal, Nurnberg, of 8 August 1945 and confirmed by resolutions 3 (1) of 13 February 1946 and 95 (I) of 11 December 1946 of the General Assembly of the United Nations, particularly the "grave breaches" enumerated in the Geneva Conventions of 12 August 1949 for the protection of war victims;

(b) Crimes against humanity whether committed in time of war or in time of peace as they are defined in the Charter of the International Military Tribunal, Nurnberg, of 8 August 1945 and confirmed by resolutions 3 (I) of 13 February 1946 and 95 (I) of 11 December 1946 of the General Assembly of the United Nations, eviction by armed attack or occupation and inhuman acts resulting from the policy of apartheid, and crime of genocide as defined in the 1948 Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, even if such acts do not constitute a violation of the domestic law of the country in which they were committed.

Article 2

If any of the crimes mentioned in article I is committed, the provisions of this Convention shall apply to representatives of the State authority and private individuals who, as principals or accomplices, participate in or who directly incite others to the commission of any of those crimes, or who conspire to commit them, irrespective of the degree of completion, and to representatives of the State authority who tolerate their commission.

Article 3

The States Parties to the present Convention undertake to adopt all necessary domestic measures, legislative or otherwise, with a view to making possible the extradition, in accordance with international law, of the persons referred to in article II of this Convention.

Article 4

The States Parties to the present Convention undertake to adopt, in accordance with their respective constitutional processes, any legislative or other measures necessary to ensure that statutory or other limitations shall not apply to the prosecution and punishment of the crimes referred to in articles 1 and 2 of this Convention and that, where they exist, such limitations shall be abolished.

Article 5

This Convention shall, until 31 December 1969, be open for signature by any State

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Member of the United Nations or member of any of its specialized agencies or of the International Atomic Energy Agency, by any State Party to the Statute of the International Court of Justice, and by any other State which has been invited by the General Assembly of the United Nations to become a Party to this Convention.

Article 6

This Convention is subject to ratification. Instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 7

This Convention shall be open to accession by any State referred to in article 5. Instruments of accession shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

Article 8

1. This Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of the deposit with the Secretary-General of the United Nations of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession.
2. For each State ratifying this Convention or acceding to it after the deposit of the tenth instrument of ratification or accession, the Convention shall enter into force on the ninetieth day after the date of the deposit of its own instrument of ratification or accession.

Article 9

1. After the expiry of a period of ten years from the date on which this Convention enters into force, a request for the revision of the Convention may be made at any time by any Contracting Party by means of a notification in writing addressed to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
2. The General Assembly of the United Nations shall decide upon the steps, if any, to be taken in respect of such a request.

Article 10

1. This Convention shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
2. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall transmit certified copies of this Convention to all States referred to in article 5.
3. The Secretary-General of the United Nations shall inform all States referred to in article V of the following particulars:
 - (a) Signatures of this Convention, and instruments of ratification and accession deposited under articles 5, 6 and 7;
 - (b) The date of entry into force of this Convention in accordance with article 8;

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(c) Communications received under article 9.

Article 11

This Convention, of which the Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, shall bear the date of 26 November 1968.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized for that purpose, have signed this Convention.

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6. Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitations to War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity

Adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on 26 November 1968¹

ENTRY INTO FORCE: 11 November 1970, in accordance with article VIII.

REGISTRATION: 11 November 1970, No. 10823.

TEXT: United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 754, p. 73.

STATUS: Signatories: 10. Parties: 43.

Note: The Convention was opened for signature at New York on 16 December 1968.

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Afghanistan 22 Jul 1983 a

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Czech Republic³ 22 Feb 1993 a

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Kenya 1 May 1972 a

Kuwait 7 Mar 1995 a

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Jamahiriya 26 May 1989 a

Lithuania 1 Feb 1996 a

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Nicaragua 3 Sep 1986 a

Nigeria 1 Dec 1970 a

Philippines 15 May 1973 a

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the Grenadines 9 Nov 1981 a

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No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III) Kolkata, dated, July 22, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/2000-01/37(II)/532 dated January 28, 2002 (xerox copy enclosed) and to request you again to let the Commission know immediately what was the outcome of the action taken on U.O. No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol, dated May 23, 1990 of the Prime Minister's Office endorsed to the Joint Secretary (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, read with the enclosures thereto as mentioned in Commission's aforesaid letter dated January 28, 2002.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Encl : As stated above.

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28th January'2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta, WBHJS(Retd.),
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to U.O.No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol dated May 23, 1990 of the Prime Minister's office, endorsed to the Joint Secretary (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, wherewith copies of the letter dated May 11, 1990 of Sri Amiya Nath Bose, the reply dated May 19, 1990 thereto given by Shri R.Sen, Joint Secretary of the Prime Minister's office as also of the letter dated May 4, 1990 addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India jointly authored by Shri Ashoke Nath Bose, Shri Amiya Nath Bose and Shri Subrata Bose, all nephews of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, were sent to bring those to the attention of the Ministry of External Affairs. Xerox copies of the said letters and the note are available in the file No. 800/6/C/I/90-Pol of the Prime Minister's office.

I am also directed to request you to let the Commission know as quickly as possible what was the outcome of the action, if any, taken on those letters.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMC/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/232 Kolkata, dated, August 1, 2002

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From : Shri M.Roy
Officer on Special Duty

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly provide the Commission with the postal address, telephone Nos, E-mail Nos. & Fax Nos. of the National Archives of the U.S.A & Records Administration, Maryland, U.S.A., as also to provide the Commission with the particulars of the U.S. documents on Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose pertaining to the period from August 1945 onwards, if any, which are available there, as those particulars are urgently required for the purpose of inquiry of the Commission.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

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I am directed to refer to cor.page 153 (copy enclosed)
of the secret File No. 2(64)/56-68-PM of the Prime Minister's
Office and to request you to send the full text of the
Radio speech as referred to in the aforesaid cor.page,
the full particulars of the student in the name of Subhas
Chandra who allegedly made the said radio broadcast and
a true copy of the report sent by the Radio Moscow Authority
in the matter.

I am further directed to state that the Ministry
of Home Affairs, Government of India, in reply to the
reference made by the Commission in the aforesaid matter
has stated by their letter No. 12014/13/2000-IS (D.III)
dated July 18, 2002 that no such information is available
in the Ministry of Home Affairs and has requested the
Commission to write to the Ministry of External Affairs
for the purpose.

Yours faithfully,

Enclosure: As stated above.

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

having accepted the findings of the Committee, have taken the position that unless fresh evidence or new facts were brought to light a further enquiry was not warranted. Rumours about Netaji's survival and whereabouts, etc., have cropped up repeatedly. Each of these, whenever brought to Government's notice, has been investigated and generally found to be baseless. In 1962, rumour was spread that a Sanyasi of Shaulmari Ashram was in fact Netaji. The Sanyasi, Swami Shradhanand himself denied the rumour. Another claim made by Dr. S.N. Sinha that Netaji was incarcerated in Cell No. 46 of Yakutusk prison in Siberia has not been corroborated by any tangible evidence. Lt. Gen. Fujiwara of Japan who came to India to present Netaji's sword, while urging for further investigation, did not produce any evidence to contradict the findings of the Shah Nawaz Khan Enquiry Committee. Recently a press report in a Bengali Daily, "Jugantar", based on information given by an ex-Indian army personnel, presently employed in West Bengal Police (as Inspector of Police, Security Control, Calcutta), that Netaji left Singapore by submarine towards the end of 1945 was investigated and found to be hearsay and vague information. The latest instance is of the news report claiming that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had spoken from Radio Moscow after the Tashkent Agreement. On checking up with Radio Moscow authorities, it was discovered that a student by

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No. JMCV Meeting-Proceedings(Follow Up Kolkata) dated, 01. 08. 2002.
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From : Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.),
Officer on Special Duty

- To :
- 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India,
North Block, New Delhi-110001.
 - ✓ 2) The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 - 3) The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office, Govt. of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 - 4) The Secretary,
Cabinet Secretariat, Govt. of India,
Bikaner House (Annexe), Sahajahan Road,
New Delhi-110011.
 - 5) The Secretary,
Ministry of Defence, Govt. of India,
South Block, New Delhi-110001.
 - 6) Director General, National Archives of India,
Janpath, New Delhi-110001.
 - 7) Director, Intelligence Bureau,
Govt. of India, New Delhi-110001.

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S i r,

I am directed to send herewith xerox copies of the proceedings dated March 21 and 22, 2002, June 10, 2002, and July 16, 2002 and of the Commission's Status Reports as on 19.03.2002 and 06.06.2002 for your kind information and favour of taking necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encls : As stated above.

(M. Roy)
Officer on Special Duty

JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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Proceedings dated 21st March 2002 (Fourteenth-DI)
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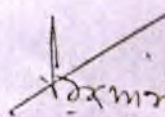
Of the six witnesses summoned to-day Shri Subrata Bose, Smt. Chitra Ghosh, Shri Supriyo Bose, Smt. Bithi Chatterjee and Shri Satyabrata Tapadar are present. Prayer for time by another witness summoned, Dr. Susanta Kr. Mitra, was allowed vide order dated 08.03.2002.

Smt. Bithi Chatterjee, Shri Subrata Bose, Smt. Chitra Ghosh and Shri Satyabrata Tapadar have been examined as CW.71, CW.72, CW.73 and CW.74 respectively. Shri Subrata Bose in his examination has testified that the statements made in the affidavit filed by him jointly with Smt. Chitra Ghosh and Shri Supriyo Bose before the Commission are correct. The affidavit is marked Exhibit 94. The signatures of Shri Subrata Bose (CW.72) and Smt. Chitra Ghosh (CW.73) on the affidavit have been marked Exhibits 94/1 and 94/2 respectively. A letter dated 01.12.95 written by Smt. Chitra Ghosh (CW.73) to the then Prime Minister has been marked Exhibit 95 (Xerox copy retained).

Shri Supriyo Bose who filed the affidavit along with Shri Subrata Bose (CW.72) and Smt. Chitra Ghosh (CW.73) has not been examined as his evidence would be repetitive

Shri Satya Brata Tapadar (CW.74) has asserted that his statement made in his affidavit filed on 28th January, 2000 and Supplementary affidavits filed on 11th April, 2000, 19th January, 2001 and 18th January, 2002 are correct. The said affidavit and the supplementary affidavits have been marked Exhibits 96, 97, 98 and 99 respectively. His signatures on the affidavit and on the respective supplementary affidavits have been marked Exhibits 96/1, 97/1, 98/1 and 99/1. The booklet titled as "What happened to Netaji after 18th August, 1945" authored and published by him is marked Exhibit 100.

Status report as on 19.03.2002 (forenoon) prepared by the Commission has been circulated to all the parties present. Proceeding is adjourned till 11 AM to-morrow for hearing on Status Report.


(M. K. Mukherjee)
Chairman

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Proceedings dated 22nd March 2002 (Fourteenth-D2)
Held at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
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22.03.2002

At the outset, Commission wanted to know from Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Ld. Senior Counsel of the Govt. of India, about the result of inquiry for finding out further relevant records, as two months' time prayed for by Smt. Sangeeta Gairola, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India on December 22nd, 2001 and allowed by the Commission, had already elapsed. Shri Pal informed the Commission that two Committees, one for searching the documents within the Ministry and the other for the other departments and the Ministries, had been formed, but the reports of the Committees had not yet reached the Ministry of Home Affairs. So there was the delay in intimating the Commission about the result of further inquiry. Commission expressed its displeasure for dealing with the matter in lackadaisical manner. Commission would pass necessary order, if need be, at the appropriate time.

The deponent Shri Nanda Lal Chakraborty, referring to page 1, paragraph 3, page 3, paragraphs 7(a)(i), 7(a)(ii), 7(a)(iv) of the Status Report, wanted to know about the compliance by the respective Ministry, Govt. of India and requested the Commission to take up the follow-up action where order of the Commission had not been complied with by the respective Ministries.

As regards paragraph 7(a)(i) of the Status Report, the Ministry of External Affairs filed an affidavit in compliance with the order of the Commission on their prayer at the last sitting in Delhi. They stated that they had no further documents. As regards paragraph 7(a)(ii) of the Status Report, in the paper received by the Commission nothing relevant to the terms of reference of the Commission was found.

Follow-up action, wherever necessary, would be taken up.

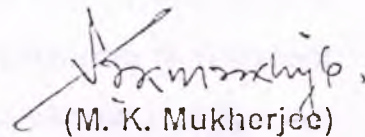
The deponent, Shri Nanda Lal Chakraborty and Shri Subrata Bose suggested that Commission should also visit Vietnam and Taiwan while visiting Japan, as Mrs. Prova Jagannathan did not appear before the Commission though she was summoned more than once.

by the Commission should be sent to the deponents sufficient ahead of the deponents could arrange for Visas, Passports, etc. to take part in the hearing of the Commission in Japan and other places abroad.

The suggestion would be considered at the appropriate time.

The deponent, Dr. Sushanta Kumar Mitra, pointed out a mistake in the last line but one of paragraph 13(b) at page 9 of the Status Report wherein "October 28, 1978" had been typed instead of "August 28, 1978."

The mistake was rectified accordingly.


(M. K. Mukherjee)

Chairman

JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

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Proceedings dated 10th June, 2002 (Fifteenth)
Held at the Seminar Hall, Annexe Building, Mahajati Sadan,
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10.06.2002

Articles and documents recovered from the dwelling place of one 'Gumnami Baba' in Faizabad and since brought to the Commission's office in Kolkata.

The parties and/or their authorised representatives present today, have been heard on the relevance of the above items to the terms of reference of the Commission. It has been suggested by the parties that the written comments found in the different books, in the margin of newspaper-clippings and on other documents should be examined by a team of, at least, three Handwriting Experts with the specimen handwritings of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Shri Nanda Lal Chakraborty (JMCI/11/2000) has further suggested that the opinion expressed by some Handwriting Experts in this regard, as published in the 'Hindustan Times', be verified by the Commission.

It has also been suggested by them that the recovered articles like teeth and pipes be subjected to DNA tests.

Appropriate steps for examination of the handwritings found on the different books, in the margin of the newspaper-clippings and on other documents would be taken after their proper scrutiny. Steps for examination of the aforesaid articles by DNA Experts would also be taken.

Witnesses

Shri Kartick Chakraborty, office Secretary of Netaji Research Bureau at Netaji Bhavan who has been authorised by Smt. Krishna Bose, Chairperson of the Bureau to appear before the Commission and produce specimens of

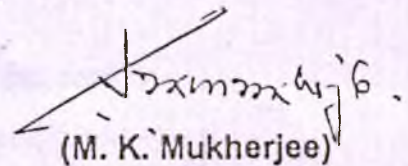
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the documents containing handwritings and signatures of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Bengali, English and Hindi, has produced photostat copies of specimen of the documents in Bengali and English and photostat copies of the signatures in Bengali, English and Hindi in compliance with the summons JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(II)/86(2) dated May 20, 2002. He has been examined on oath as C.W.75. The letter of authority has been marked Exhibit 101. Photostat copies of the documents and specimen signatures have been marked Exhibit 102 collectively.

Status Report

The parties and / or their lawyers present have been heard about the Status Report as on 06.06.2002, prepared by the Commission and circulated to all the parties present, with particular reference to the availability of the documents from the different ministries, probable date of visit to Japan, Taiwan, Vietnam, Singapore and the classified records lying in UK.

Further follow up action on these issues would be taken up in due course.



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JUSTICE M.K. MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

Proceedings dated 16th July, 2002 (Sixteenth)
Held in the Conference Hall of the Circuit House at Jalpaiguri

16.07.2002

Of the six witnesses summoned to-day Shri Sudhangshu Kumar Poddar, Shri Sudhir Kumar Poddar, Shri Lalit Mohan Chowdhury, Shri Bikash Chandra Guha and Shri Sujit Biswas are present.

Shri Sudhangshu Kumar Poddar, Shri Sudhir Kumar Poddar and Shri Lalit Mohan Chowdhury have been examined as CW 76, CW 77 and CW 78 respectively.

Shri Bikash Chandra Guha has been examined as CW 79. Shri Guha in his examination has identified the affidavit filed by him before the Commission and his signature thereon. The affidavit and his signature on the affidavit have been marked Exhibits 103 and 103/1 respectively. Some handwriting alleged to be of Swami Saradanandaji on the letter-head of Shoulmari Ashram has been marked Exhibit 104. One photograph alleged to be of Shrimat Saradanandaji has been marked Material Exhibit VI.

Shri Sujit Biswas has been examined as CW 80. One Inland letter written by him to the Commission has been marked Exhibit 105. An article written by him in Bengali Periodical 'Achalpatra' has been marked Exhibit 106.

During discussion with the local people of Shoulmari at the time of visit of the Commission to Shoulmari Ashram in the district of Cooch Behar on 15.07.2002 it was felt that Shri Rajat Kanti Bhadra and Shri Dinabandhu Dutta who were and still are connected with the Ashram should be examined as witnesses. They were therefore asked to appear before the Commission today. They are present.

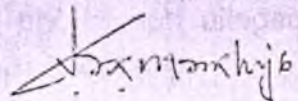
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Shri Rajat Kanti Bhadra has been examined as CW 81. Thirteen printed leaflets filed by him are collectively marked Exhibit 107. A booklet captioned as "Atma Bikasher Pratham Sopan" compiled by Dr. Ramani Ranjan Das, the then Secretary of the Ashram, filed by CW 81 has been marked Exhibit 108.

Shri Dinabandhu Dutta has been examined as CW 82.

One application has been filed on behalf of the other witness Shri Nikhil Chandra Ghatak praying for recording his evidence to-morrow on Commission at his residence on the ground of his illness. The prayer has been considered and allowed.

Shri P. K. Sengupta, Secretary of the Commission, is hereby appointed Commissioner for recording the evidence of Shri Ghatak to-morrow in his residence at Raikatpara, P.O. & Dist : Jalpaiguri.


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Status Report as on 19.03.2002 (forenoon) showing action taken on/compliance with orders/directions including those contained in the proceedings dated December 20, 2001 read with the proceedings dated 23.03.2000, 13.06.2000, 31.08.2000, 28.09.2000, 23.11.2000, 22.12.2000, 17.01.2001, 04.04.2001, 13.06.2001, and 17.10.2001 of the Commission.

1. Copies of the Status Report as on 12.12.2001 and copies of the proceedings dated 19.12.2001 and 20.12.2001 have been sent to the Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's Office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence, as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau, and the Director General, National Archives of India under Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48(Vol.III)/514(7) dated 16.01.2002 sent to them by Registered Post with A/D for their kind information and favour of taking necessary action.
2. As early as on September 5, 2001 the Director General of National Archives, Government of India, was requested by Commission by its d.o. No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(Vol.II)/286 of that date to inform the Commission whether they have obtained the Micro-Films/Micro-Fiches of the files/documents which were earmarked by the team of the Commission after their study of the relevant files/documents in the British Library and the Public Records Office and also authenticated xerox copies of the entire File No.K 148/A of Mountbatten papers in the Hartley Library of the Southampton University, all of which they (National Archives) undertook to furnish to the Commission. Even though six months have since elapsed those documents are yet to be received by the Commission.
3. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/305 dated September 18, 2001 to let the Commission know immediately what action was taken on the Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. DY. 2198 by Shri K.R. Malkani, M.P. due for answer on 06.03.1996 as mentioned at notesheet page 1 of Prime Minister's Office File No.915/II/C/6/96-Pol. as also on the letter dated November 20, 1996 of Shri Ramkrishna Hegde

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addressed to the then President of India, indicating the results of the said actions. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs was also requested in the said letter of the Commission to send to the Commission within six weeks an authenticated xerox copy of the information furnished by the Government of U.K. as stated in the letter dated 12.03.1999 of the Ministry of Home Affairs, appearing at cor.page 196 of the said file of the Prime Minister's Office. Copies of the aforesaid notesheet page and cor.page were enclosed with the Commission's said letter dated September 18, 2001. The information and documents called for are still awaited.

4. Further affidavit, as called for from the Ministry of Defence, Government of India, by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Record/-N.Delhi/99-2000/37/57 dated May 3, 2001 regarding existence/non-existence/availability/non-availability/destruction, etc. of the complete records of the proceedings of the trial of I.N.A. personnel, is still to be submitted by the said Ministry before the Commission.
5. A xerox copy of the report captioned, "Sleeping Bomb lies in Netaji Vault" authored by Shri Chandan Nandy was sent to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/-37/108 dated 28.05.2001 in terms of the letter No.10/SPS-11/-2001(20)-306 dated 17.05.2001 of the Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, and the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, was requested to furnish a detailed report on the contents of the said article of Shri Chandan Nandy which was published in the "Telegraph", Calcutta on March 26, 2001. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, in the matter is still awaited.
6. In Commission's letter No.JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/-57(Vol.II)/349 dated October 8, 2001 certain anomalies noticed in the photo copy of File No.915/II/C/6/96-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office were pointed out to the Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office with the request to furnish necessary explanation/clarification in respect of the said anomalies within eight weeks from the date of receipt of the

letter. The said letter appears to have been received in the Prime Minister's Office on December 12, 2001. Their reply is still awaited.

7.(a)(i) Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, prayed for two months' time at the time of his examination as a witness before the Commission on December 20, 2001, for filing a supplementary affidavit detailing the developments that have taken place since he filed his affidavit dated 14.12.2001 regarding availability of documents from foreign countries. The Hon'ble Chairman considered and allowed the prayer with the direction that he should also state in his supplementary affidavit whether there is any classified documents relating to the terms of reference of the Commission.

(a)(ii) The Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in his d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated February 21, 2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission has stated inter alia : "following the scrutiny of records" being relied upon by different deponents "It was found that only one document - a record of the interview of the then Ambassador to U.S.S.R., Shri K.P.S. Menon, with Stalin - pertained to this Ministry."

(a)(iii) The said record of the interview of Shri K.P.S. Menon with Stalin received by the Commission on February 7, 2002 from the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, in a sealed cover was opened and read by the Hon'ble Chairman, resealed in his presence and sent back to the Ministry of External Affairs on February 11, 2002 as the Hon'ble Chairman found the said record of interview to be having no relevance whatsoever to any of the terms of reference of this Commission.

(a)(iv) A supplementary affidavit sworn by Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been received on March 4, 2002 by the Commission. In this affidavit the said Joint Secretary has stated, inter alia, that there is no other documents in the Ministry, whether classified or unclassified, relating to the terms of

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✓ reference of this Commission; that the Indian Mission in Washington has informed the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India that all documents once declassified by the U.S. Government are no longer retained by them and are normally stored in the National Archives, Library of Congress or other similar documentation centres; that the classified documents of the U.S. Government can be requisitioned under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, only by giving specific details of the documents; and that the said Indian Mission has further conveyed that this is a tardy and complicated process.

- 7.(b) At the time of her examination before the Commission as a witness on December 20, 2001, Smt. Sangita Gairola, Jt. Secy., MHA, stated inter alia that a small Committee headed by the Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs has been formed by the Ministry to find out further relevant records and stated that they would require another two months to continue the inquiry to find out other relevant documents. Even though the said period of two months has expired, the result of the said inquiry by the Ministry of Home Affairs is still awaited.
8. On a petition filed on behalf of the Commission the Hon'ble Allahabad High Court (Lucknow Bench) has passed an order on February 6, 2002 and permitted the Commission to bring to its head office in Calcutta the sealed box containing the documents and articles selected by the Commission and kept in a Steel Box, out of the articles and documents allegedly belonging to 'Gumnam Baba' and kept in the Steel Boxes in the District Treasury of Faizabad. Steps could not be taken to bring the said box containing the said selected articles and documents from the District Treasury of Faizabad to the Commission's head office in Calcutta with proper and adequate Police escort before completion of the elections to the Legislative Assembly of the U.P. which commenced on February 14, 2002. After completion of the said elections, some steps were taken for the aforesaid purpose; but the efforts in this regard had to be suspended because of the reported law and order situation in Faizabad. The efforts will be renewed as soon as the situation there becomes normal.

9. The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office, has been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/-37(Vol.II)/536 dated 29.01.2002 to kindly send to the Commission immediately authenticated xerox copies of the rules and procedures prescribed for destruction of files/documents since it appears from the purported xerox copies of file No.23(156)/51-PM of the Prime Minister's Office as also from their communication dated September 21, 2001 that a number of papers/files of the said office were destroyed.
10. It has been stated inter alia in the affidavit dated December 19, 2001 of Smt. Sangita Gairola, Joint Secretary (IS-I), Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India :

"The averments and allegations made therein (i.e. in the affidavits and supplementary affidavits concerned) are matters of records and subject to the consideration by the Hon'ble Commission. Some of the records available with this Ministry have been made over to the Hon'ble Commission and some others have been discovered with this affidavit (i.e. her affidavit dated December 19, 2001) for consideration by the Hon'ble Commission; and that she has further stated therein that "the Ministry of Home Affairs has also taken up the matter with Ministry of External Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Intelligence Bureau, National Archives of India, and Prime Minister's Office, to go through the documents and if necessary submit an affidavit to the Commission directly."

Hence, the Secretaries of the Ministry of External Affairs, the Prime Minister's Office, and the Ministry of Defence as also the Director of Intelligence Bureau, and the Director General of National Archives of India have been requested by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(Vol.II)/537 dated 29.01.2002 to send their respective affidavits immediately regarding the averments and allegations made in the relevant affidavits and supplementary affidavits of different deponents, the copies of which were furnished by the Commission with the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

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11.(a) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's confidential letter No.JMCI/Records/2000-01/37(II)/533 dated January 28, 2002 to let the Commission know what was the outcome of the action, if any, taken on U.O. No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. dated September 21, 1990 of the Prime Minister's Office addressed to Shri Naresh Chandra, the then Home Secretary, Government of India, wherewith a copy of the letter dated September 13, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India and of the enclosure thereto which is a xerox copy of the news titled, "Fresh Clue on Netaji's Death" published in the "Times of India" (New Delhi) dated September 3, 1990 were sent to the Home Secretary, Government of India, for appropriate action. It was also stated in the said letter dated 28.01.2002 of the Commission that the said letter dated September 13, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose with its enclosure and the said note dated September 21, 1990 are available in File No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office, on the subject, "Netaji Subhas Bose - Bringing in the ashes of".

(b) The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's confidential letter No.JMCI/Records/2000-01/37(II)/532 dated January 28, 2002 to let the Commission know as quickly as possible what was the outcome of the action, if any, taken on U.O. No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. dated May 23, 1990 of the Prime Minister's Office endorsed to the Joint Secretary (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, wherewith copies of the letter dated May 11, 1990 of Shri Amiya Nath Bose, the reply dated May 19, 1990 thereto given by Shri R. Sen, Joint Secretary of the Prime Minister's Office as also of the letter dated May 4, 1990 addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India jointly authored by Shri Ashok Nath Bose, Shri Amiya Nath Bose and Shri Subrata Bose, all nephews of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, were sent to bring those to the attention of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. It was stated

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in the said letter of the Commission that xerox copies of the aforesaid letters and the note are available in the File No.800/6/C/I/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office.

- (c) The Director, Press Information Bureau, Government of India, has been requested by Commission's confidential letter No.JMCI/Records/2000-01/37(II)/531 dated January 28, 2001 to find out and furnish this Commission with an authenticated true copy of the Press statement, if any, of Mahatma Gandhi which is alleged in the letter dated May 4, 1990 addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India, authored jointly by Shri Ashok Nath Bose, Shri Amiya Nath Bose, and Shri Subrata Bose, all nephews of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, to have been made in 1945 by Mahatma Gandhi to the effect that Netaji did not die in any air-crash on August 18, 1945, after he spoke in detail to Col. Habibur Rahman regarding alleged death of Netaji in an air-crash on August 18, 1945.
- (d) A xerox copy of a letter dated May 4, 1990 of Sarbashree Ashok Nath Bose, Amiya Nath Bose, and Subrata Bose addressed to Shri V.P. Singh, the then Prime Minister of India, which appears at cor.pages 3 to 5 of file No. 800/6/C/I/90-Pol., of the Prime Minister's Office on the subject, "Netaji Subhas Bose - Bringing in the ashes of" has been sent to the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with Commission's confidential letter No.JMCI/Records/2000-01/37(II)/529 dated January 28, 2002 with the request to kindly procure and furnish this Commission as quickly as possible with an authenticated true copy of the report of the American Intelligence Party, as referred to in the said letter dated May 4, 1990, which allegedly went to Taihoku airport from Mc. Arthur's headquarters to make inquiries about the alleged air-crash at Taihoku on August 18, 1945.
12. During the visit of the Commission to London in July, 2001 some of the files of the Intelligence and Security Agencies of the Government of the U.K. relating to the relevant period were not allowed to be perused by the Commission on

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the ground that those were classified confidential files under the order of the Lord Chancellor. The matter was taken up by the Hon'ble Chairman at personal level with the Lord Archer who assured the Commission that he would take up the matter with the Lord Chancellor. The letter dated December 1, 2001 of the Lord Chancellor addressed to the Lord Archer shows inter alia that those confidential files would not be made available to the Commission and that those files contain no information which is not already made available to the Commission. Lord Archer has been requested by the Hon'ble Chairman in his d.o. No. JMCI/Chairman's Correspondence/2000-01/71/541 dated January 31, 2002 to kindly impress upon the Lord Chancellor to give the Commission an access to those retained papers which may, hopefully, furnish some materials regarding the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and thereby remove all sorts of speculations and doubts in this regard. The request has not yet been heeded to.

- 13.(a) Shri Jarnail Singh, Joint Secretary to the Prime Minister's Office, has been requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/543 dated February 1, 2002 to clarify immediately to the satisfaction of the Commission his statement made in his affidavit dated December 18, 2001 filed before the Commission on December 20, 2001 that the Prime Minister's Office : "is not in a position to provide any clarifications/explanation regarding the circumstances under which Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister, had made such statement on the floor of the Parliament" viz., "some further contemporary official documentary records have also become available", in view of the notes and remarks at cor. pages 26 and 27 of the Secret File No. 2/64/78-PM on the subject, "N.S.C. Bose" received by the Commission from the Prime Minister's Office which appear to show that there were official documents, notes and orders which led the then Prime Minister, Shri Morarji Desai, to make the said statement on August 28, 1978, on the floor of the Parliament (Lok Sabha).

- (b) The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/-37(II)/535 dated January 29, 2002 to send to the Commission immediately authenticated xerox copies of the Parliamentary proceedings (Lok Sabha) dated August 28, 1978 as also of the notes of the Prime Minister's Office on the subject matter discussed in the Lok Sabha on August 28, 1978 including the matter of disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose on which Late Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister, made his statement on the floor of the Lok Sabha on August 28, 1978.

The Director (LARTIS) Lok Sabha Secretariat, New Delhi, as requested by the Prime Minister's Office in PMO ID. No. Pt.915/11/C/2/2000-Pol. dated 25.02.2002 has been requested to send immediately authenticated xerox copies of the Parliamentary proceedings (Lok Sabha) dated ~~October~~^{August} 28, 1978 and of other papers, if any, connected therewith.

14. The Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, have been furnished with a copy of the d.o. letter dated February 3, 1978 of Shri R.C. Mazumder (renowned historian) addressed to Shri Morarji Desai, the then Prime Minister of India and of the notes of Shri Mazumder annexed thereto appearing at cor. pages 16 to 20 of the Secret File No. 2/64/78-PM of the Prime Minister's Office and were requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/542 dated February 1, 2002 to kindly furnish the Commission as quickly as possible with documents or authenticated xerox copies thereof relevant to the various contentions of the said letter of Shri Mazumder which appear to be relevant to the terms of reference of the Commission. The documents/authenticated copies called for from them are awaited.
15. The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has been requested by the Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/-N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/534 dated January 29, 2002 to make available for perusal of the authorised representative(s) of the Commission, Vol. Nos. XVIII, XIX, and XXII and other Volumes (excepting first 17 Volumes) along with other relevant

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files/documents/records pertaining to the Khosla Commission which have not yet been sent to this Commission. The response of the Ministry of Home Affairs in the matter is awaited.

- ✓ 16. In reply to d.o. letter No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated December 18, 2001 of the Director, (C.N.V.), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, the Secretary of the Commission by his d.o. No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/499 dated January 9, 2002 has intimated the Director, (C.N.V.) that the Commission proposes to visit Japan in the second half of March, 2002 and that the tour programme in details will be drawn up and communicated to the Ministry of External Affairs after receiving the requisite details sought for by the Commission from them.

In reply to two d.o. letters both bearing No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated February 21, 2002 regarding proposed visit of the Commission to Japan to examine - (a) the Witnesses in Japan, and (b) the Witnesses in Taiwan respectively of the Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to the Secretary of the Commission, the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs has been stated inter alia by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/600 and No.JMCI/Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/70/601 both dated March 14, 2001 that the Commission does not possess any further details of the witnesses in Taiwan and has been requested to explore all resources at the disposal of the Ministry of External Affairs to get the addresses and further details of the witnesses in Taiwan and to expedite the matter so that the Commission can visit Japan and Taiwan for examination of ^{the} witnesses available there and inspect the places relevant to the points of inquiry as quickly as possible.

- ✓ 17.(a) ✓ The Commission by its letter No.JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/559 dated February 18, 2001 has requested the Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to kindly send a report to this Commission as quickly as possible on the following points :

- (a) What are the records of the U.N.O. examined and whether those are exhaustive on the subject of War Criminals of the Second World War ?

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(b) Who are the present custodians of those records examined; and

(c) Whether the name of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose was ever included in any of the lists of War Criminals and, if so, when and under what circumstances the said name was deleted from such list/lists.

✓ (b) The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, was requested by Commission's letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37/375 dated October 22, 2001 to send as early as possible, preferably by the end of November, 2001, an authenticated true copy of the reply of the U.N. Secretariat to the purported formal request of the permanent Mission of India, New York, made to the U.N. Secretariat and an authenticated true copy of the documents based on which Indian Mission in Tokyo sent their confirmation as stated in the letter No. U II/103/1/98 dated October 15, 2001 of the Director, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

The Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, with his d.o. letter No. 25/4/NGO-Vol. VII dated February 21, 2002 addressed to the Secretary of the Commission which has been received on 01.03.2002 has claimed to have sent a copy of the note recorded by an Officer of the rank of First Secretary of the Indian Mission in New York as also "authenticated true copies of documents based on which our Mission (i.e. Indian Mission) in Tokyo had sent the confirmation ^{that} Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's name did not figure in any list of War Criminals." Those documents are being examined by the Commission.

18. As early as August 23, 2001, the Commission by its letter No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings (Follow Up)/48(Vol. II)/274 dated August 23, 2001 requested the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, to let the Commission know, within six weeks from the date of receipt thereof which of the files/records/documents mentioned in para (a)(i) and (a)(iii) of the proceedings dated March 23, 2000 of the Commission pertain to the Prime Minister's Office, which of

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them pertain to the Ministry of Defence and which of them pertain to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, to enable the Commission to take further action in the matter. No reply has yet been received from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

19. By Commission's letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/228 dated August 1, 2001 sent by Registered Post with A/D. to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, it has been stated that it is not clear from their letter No.I/12014/10/2001-IS(D.III) dated July 4, 2001 whether or not the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, is at all concerned in the matter of furnishing the documents mentioned and relied upon by the deponents referred to in Commission's letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/-67/132 dated May 30, 2001 and they were requested to file a supporting affidavit in the matter by an Officer, not below the rank of Joint Secretary of the Department within four weeks from the date of receipt of this letter. A reminder was sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India by Commission's letter No.JMCI/Affidavit-Averments (Follow Up)/2000-2001/67/320 dated September 20, 2001 wherein they were also requested to indicate the name of the authority concerned of the Government of India against each of the documents mentioned and relied upon by the said deponents since those particulars are essentially required by the Commission to pursue effectively with the authorities concerned of the Government of India as advised by the Ministry of Home Affairs in the aforesaid letter dated July 4, 2001 for production before the Commission their respective documents concerned. The said report and the affidavit are yet to be received by the Commission from the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

- 20.(a) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs has been requested to report to the Commission the action taken by the Government of India for verification of the news of imprisonment of Netaji in Russia as mentioned in cor.page 112 of Secret File No. 2(64)/56-68-PM of the Prime Minister's Office, the details of verification actually made and outcome thereof.

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(b) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, has also been requested to send an authenticated true copy of the news which claimed that Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose had spoken from Moscow radio after the Tashkent Agreement as mentioned at cor.page 153 of the Secret File No.2(64)/56-68-PM of the Prime Minister's Office, the full text of the radio speech, the full particulars of the student in the name of Subhas Chandra who allegedly made the broadcast and the true copy of the report sent by the Radio Moscow authority in the matter.

(c) The Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to report to the Commission the details of action taken on the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P. (Lok Sabha) addressed to Shri V.V. Giri, the then President of India which is lying at cor.pages 177 and 177(a) of Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-68-PM and the outcome thereof since the said letter appears to contain some important matters relevant for the purpose of inquiry of the Commission.

21.(a) The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has been requested to report to the Commission immediately the outcome of the action referred to in para 2 of the d.o. letter dated January 30, 1970 of the Director (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, addressed to Sri Srinivasabardhan, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, lying at cor.page 27 of the Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70/PM-Pol. Vol.V as also to send authenticated xerox copies of the relevant documents, if any, received from the U.K., the U.S.A., the U.S.S.R., and Japan by the Ministry of External Affairs as a result of the action taken by them.

(b) The Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, and Prime Minister's Office, Government of India, have been requested to send to the Commission true copies of Vols. I and II of Prime Minister Office's File No.F-2(64)/56-66-PM and of Prime Minister's Office File No.2(67)/56-62-PM, referred to

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in U.O. Note dated 04.08.1972 of the Prime Minister's Secretariat sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, lying at cor.page 64 of Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol.V and in the Khosla Commission's d.o. letter dated July 5, 1974 which is lying at cor.page 144 of Prime Minister Office's said Secret File.

- (c) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, has been requested to report to the Commission immediately the action taken on the points made by Shri Samar Guha in his d.o. letter dated December 21, 1973 addressed to the Prime Minister (vide cor.pages 116 to 122) of Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol. V, other than those points of the said d.o. letter specifically dealt by Shri Tandon, Joint Secretary to the Prime Minister in his U.O. No. PMS-370 dated 05.01.1974 vide cor.page 164 of the said file.
- (d) The Secretary, Prime Minister's Office is being requested to report immediately whether any reference was made by the Prime Minister's Office to the head of the Department, out of which the Prime Minister's Secretariat was created and/or to the head of the Department which became the custodian of the two documents mentioned at sub-paras (1) and (2) of the d.o. letter dated January 1, 1974 of the Private Secretary to the Prime Minister addressed to the Director, Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (vide cor.page 123 of Prime Minister Office's Secret File No. 2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol. V), consequent upon the creation of the Prime Minister's Secretariat, to locate the said two vital documents referred to at sub-paras (1) and (2) of the aforesaid d.o. letter dated January 1, 1974.
- (e) The Secretaries, Ministry of Home Affairs, and the Prime Minister's Office are being requested to send to the Commission immediately an authenticated true copy of the answer of the Government to the Lok Sabha Starred Question D. No.3424 (vide cor. page 132) of the Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)/56-70-PM. Vol. V as also of the Government notes on the supplementaries regarding the said Lok Sabha Questions.

22. The documents received from different Archives in the Russian Federation by the Russian Foreign Office at the behest of the Indian Mission in Moscow and sent to the Commission by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, along with their English translation of those documents are required to be scrutinized by the Commission on getting proper verification of the correctness of the said English translation with the help of suitable translators from Russian to English. The Commission has already got some names of such translators.
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Date June, 24, 2002

To

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Joint Secretary (AMS),
Ministry of External Affairs,
Govt. of India,
South Block,
New Delhi - 110001,

Dear Sir,

Re. : No. 25/4/NGO Vol. VI + VII

-And-

My letter No. 7/2 dated December, 5, 2001,
to you.

I believe you are aware of the hearing of the Hon'ble Commission held on 10th June, 2002 at Calcutta, and you have in the meantime received a copy of the Status Report as on June, 6, 2002. For your ready reference I am also sending a copy thereof herewith.

2. Kindly refer to my letter No. 7/2 dated December, 5, 2001. No reply thereto has also reached me.

3. In the next hearing of the Hon'ble Commission in Calcutta, one of your Officers requires to be present to report on Compliance with and/or action taken on orders/directions of the Hon'ble Commission so far passed on you. So send your replies on the items Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 of the said Status Report to me for settling as soon as possible, before forwarding the same to the Hon'ble Commission. Kindly reply my said letter dated December, 5, 2001 also as soon as possible.

4. On settling all your replies and/or compliance as aforesaid your officer will be made ready for the hearing when he is to be present as has been desired by the Hon'ble Chairman. If requires, I shall ask your officer to meet me for consultation.

5. I require your replies immediately, as your instructions to represent before the Hon'ble Commission.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

Tarakeswar Pal

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No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

New Delhi the 19th August, 2002

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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Kolkata 700 087

Ref: JMCI letter No. (i) Meetings-Proceedings(Follow-up)/48(Vol.II)/217/1(5) dated 26.7.02
(ii) Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/226(2) dated 30.7.02
(iii) Records/ N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/224(2) dated 30.7.02
(iv) Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)/236(3) dated 1.8.02

Sir,

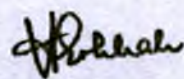
With reference to the Commission's endorsement at (i) above, it is informed that this Ministry has already replied in the matter and submitted the desired affidavit. This Ministry's letters No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 21.2.02, 2.4.02 and 28.5.02 may please be referred in this connection.

As regards the Commission's letter at (ii) above, this Ministry's letters No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 19.4.02 and 15.5.02 may please be referred to.

Regarding the Commission's third letter under reference, it is informed that in response to a Parliament question in 1965 relating to the subject of the letter, this Ministry had replied that in view of the acceptance by the Government of India of the Report of the Shah Nawaz Committee, the Government did not feel the need to hold further enquiry in the matter.

As regards the fourth letter under reference, it is observed that the documents referred to in the letter belong to files of the Prime Minister's Office and, therefore, any reply in this matter can be given only by PMO.

Yours faithfully,


(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III) Kolkata, dated, 1st August'2002.
 /236(3).

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
 Secretary

- To : 1) The Secretary,
 Prime Minister's Office,
 South Block,
 New Delhi-110001.
- 2) The Secretary,
 Ministry of Home Affairs,
 Government of India,
 North Block,
 New Delhi-110001.
- 3) The Secretary,
 Ministry of External Affairs,
 Government of India,
 South Block,
 New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith xerox copies of the d.o. letter dated January 3, 1974 of Shri Samar Guha, M.P. addressed to Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India, and the reply thereto dated January 9, 1974 given by Smt. Indira Gandhi to Shri Samar Guha, M.P. which appear at cor. pages 126 to 128 of the Prime Minister Office's Secret File No.2(64)-56-70-PM Vol.V and to request you to kindly send immediately authenticated true copies of all the documents, copies of which were lying in P.M.O. File No.12(226)/56-PM since destroyed, as also authenticated true copies of all those files which contain the said documents, the copies of which were lying in the said destroyed file as stated by the then Prime Minister in her aforesaid d.o. letter dated January 9, 1974.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
 Secretary

Encls. : As stated above.

Prof. SAMAR GUHA
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



27, South Avenue,
NEW DELHI-11.

3rd January, 1974.

S.N. 79

Dear Prime Minister,

In continuation of my letter dated 21st December, 73,
I have to inform you further that the 'Prime Minister
Secretariat files' which have been sent to Netaji Inquiry
Commission show that a very vital document, No.12(226)/56-PM
regarding "Investigation into circumstances leading to the
death of Subhash Chandra Bose" has been destroyed.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the notings
over the files.

I don't know whether such a vital file has been
destroyed or withheld. I would request you to investigate
into the matter and find out whether the files mentioned in
my earlier letter to you as also about one in it, have really
been destroyed and if so, the reasons thereof. I hope you
will consider it essential that these vital files should be
forwarded to the Netaji Inquiry Commission, for arriving at
a correct conclusion about the matter relating to dis-
appearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

I am expecting replies to my letters addressed to
you in connection with Government files supplied to the
Netaji Commission.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

Samarpita
(SAMAR GUHA)

Smt. Indira Gandhi,
Prime Minister of India,
NEW DELHI.

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1. 23(156)/51-PM - Indian National Army (INA) in the Far East.
 2. 23(11)56-57-PM - I.N.A. Treasure.
 3. 12(226)/56-PM - Investigation into the circumstances leading
(written in pencil - since destroyed) to the death of Subhash Chandra Bose.
 4. 2(67)/56-PM - Widow and daughter of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose -
Misc. Correspondence with and about.
 5. 2(381) 60-62-PM - Proposal to bring Shri Subhash Chandra Bose's
Ashes from Tokyo and to put up memorial to him
in front of Red Fort in Delhi.
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No. 11-PMO/74.

New Delhi,
January 9, 1974.

Dear Shri Guha,

I have your letter of the 3rd January regarding the files supplied to the Netaji Inquiry Commission.

A misunderstanding seems to have arisen about the file that has been destroyed because of the subject heading given to it. I can assure you that this file contained only copies of certain documents which are still available in other files. This file was destroyed only because it contained copies.

I received your letter of the 21st December also. But since it mainly concerned the Ministry of Home Affairs, I passed it on to my colleague, the Home Minister, with a request to send you a reply.

Yours sincerely,

(Indira Gandhi)

Shri Samar Guha, M.P.,
27, South Avenue,
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No. JMC/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(III)Kolkata, dated, 30th July'2002.
/226(2).

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

2) The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to cor. pages 177 and 177(a), (copies enclosed), of the Prime Minister's Office secret File No. 2(64)/56-68-PM which contain a copy of the letter dated 15.10.1970 of Shri M.L. Sondhi, M.P. (Lok Sabha), addressed to Shri V.V. Giri, the then President of India, and to request you to report to the Commission immediately the details of action taken on the said letter and the outcome thereof since the said letter appears to contain some important matters relevant for the purpose of inquiry of the Commission.

I am further directed to state that the Ministry of Home Affairs in reply to the reference made by the Commission in the aforesaid matter to them as also to the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, has stated in their letter No. 12014/13/2000-IS (D.III) dated July 18, 2002 that no such papers have become available in the Ministry of Home Affairs and requested the Commission to get in touch with the Ministry of External Affairs/Prime Minister's Office to obtain information in this regard.

Enclosures: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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M. L. Sondhi
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT
Dy. No. 5040-TO/D.O.
Dated 17.10.70

C-1/6, Lodi Gardens,
New Delhi-3.

15th October, 1970.

Respected Rashtrapati ji,

Please permit me to draw your attention to a reference to Netaji's death which was published in the American version of Goebbel's Diary in its first edition. As you will notice in the enclosed copy of a page of this book, it has been mentioned in the explanatory note that Netaji was arrested and shot by the American troops. This American edition of Goebbel's Diary was withdrawn from circulation by the American Government, but we have been able to trace a copy of this book and I am drawing your attention to this particular matter because of the Netaji Inquiry Commission (1970) the Government have formed with Justice G.D. Khosla as its Chairman.

2. We are all very thankful to you for having agreed to make another effort to clear the mystery of Netaji's death, but in my view this mystery is surrounded with so much secrecy that unless this Committee of Enquiry has also some members from other countries, the Committee will not be able to achieve anything very substantial. In the first place, Government of India should request the State Department of the U.S. Government to release from its archives all the secret files in connection with Netaji's death and the same approach should also be made to the Japanese and other Governments.

3. May I, therefore, suggest that you should kindly review the composition of the Enquiry Committee and include in it some internationally well-known jurists and ensure that the injustice done by the Shah Nawaz Commission of 1956 is not repeated.

4. I have to draw your attention to a related matter which is the Verdict of the Tokyo Trial vis-a-vis Netaji. The consistent position taken by our informed citizens is that the Tokyo Trial was a grave injustice to the Japanese people and to Netaji. There is a popular demand among Indian intellectuals that the Government of India should take concrete steps to undo the Verdict of the Tokyo Trial. It is a matter of some comfort that the renowned Indian judge Radha Binod Pal in his dissenting judgement exposed by implication the malafides of the other Allied judges on the Tokyo tribunal.

M.L. Sondhi
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
(LOK SABHA)



C-1/6, Lodi Gardens,
New Delhi-3.

15th October, 1970.

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Reflecting the wishes of the overwhelming majority of millions of our countrymen who respect and admire the cooperation of Subhas Chandra Bose and the Japanese people, I propose to bring in the next session of Parliament a motion placing on record the heartfelt thanks of the Indian people to the Japanese people and calling upon the Government of India to take steps to get the Tokyo Verdict vacated by all diplomatic means at its disposal.

With respectful regards;

Yours sincerely,

M.L. Sondhi

(M.L. SONDHI)

Shri V.V. Giri,
President of India,
New Delhi.

Encl: One

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To 1) The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

2) The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to request you to report to the Commission the action taken by the Government of India for verification of the news of imprisonment of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Russia as mentioned in cor. page 112 (copy enclosed) of secret File No. 2(64)/56-68-PM of the Prime Minister's Office, the details of verification which was actually made and the outcome thereof.

I am further directed to state that in reply to our reference to the Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, for the aforesaid purpose, they have intimated the Commission by their letter No. 12014/13/2000-IS (D.III) dated July 18, 2002 that no record, as such, has become available in the Ministry of Home Affairs and have suggested that the information in this regard may be obtained from Ministry of External Affairs/Prime Minister's Office.

Yours faithfully,

Encl : As stated above.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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^{Shrimati}
Hon. Indira Gandhi

Prime Minister
Govt of India.
Delhi.

Is it their news?

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I have the greatest pleasure
to read the news of the whereabouts
of Shri Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose in
"The Gondwanan" published on the 26th Jan/70.
That he is imprisoned in Russia Room
No 45 of Yarkunast jail.

If the news is true, what
kind of action by our Govt has been taken?
I am very eager to know ^{the} efforts made on his
part; hence I, as a citizen of my land, earnestly
and humbly request you to kindly intimate
whether the news is true.

I wish, God may provide him
long happy life.

Yours faithfully

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : Shri Kamal Pandey,
Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi-110001.

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Sir,

I am directed to refer to this office last reminder No. JMCI/Meeting-Proceedings(Follow-Up)/48(Vol. II)/64 dated 2.5.2002, copies whereof were sent by registered post for necessary action to the Secretaries, Ministry of External Affairs, Prime Minister's office, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Defence as also to the Director, Intelligence Bureau and the Director General of National Archives, Government of India and to say that no counter-affidavits or affidavit-in-opposition have yet been received by the Commission either from the Ministry of Home Affairs or from any of the other Ministries/ Departments concerned of the Government of India. I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly cause filing of the said counter-affidavits or affidavit-in-opposition, if any, by the Ministries/ Departments/Offices within four weeks from the date of receipt of this letter, failing which it may be presumed that they do not want to file any counter-affidavit or affidavit-in-opposition.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
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Dated : July 26, 2002.

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- (1) The Secretary, MEA, New Delhi
- (2) The Secretary, PM's Office, New Delhi
- (3) The Secretary, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, New Delhi
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- (5) The Director, Intelligence Bureau, Government of India, New Delhi.

P. K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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All replies of 21.2.02,
2.4.02 & 28.5.02
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
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No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

19 August 2002

Dear *Shri Jain*,

Please refer to letters No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/17/245 dated 6 August 2002, No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/17/255 dated 12 August 2002 and No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/17/265 dated 16 August 2002 from Shri P.K. Sengupta, Secretary, JMCI regarding the visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan. You would have also received my D.O. No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 9 August 2002.

2. Our Embassy in Tokyo will be making the necessary arrangements in accordance with the tentative programme sent earlier, as per which the Commission intends to be in Tokyo from 13 September until 19 September 2002. We are awaiting their confirmation about the arrangements, and will revert once that is received. In case there any changes in the scheduled dates, these may be intimated to us as early as possible.

3. With reference to the Commission's proposed visit to Taiwan, you would be aware that the Government of India does **not** recognize the so-called Republic of China or Taiwan, and therefore has **no** diplomatic or official relations with Taiwan. In view of this, this Ministry is limited in its ability to facilitate any visit by the Commission to Taiwan. Moreover, under extant guidelines holders of diplomatic and official passports are **not** permitted to travel to Taiwan. Accordingly if Hon'ble Justice Mukherjee and Shri P.K. Sengupta intend to travel to Taiwan, it will have to be on ordinary passports. While this Ministry can facilitate the issue of limited validity ordinary passports for this purpose, it will be difficult to combine a visit to Japan and Taiwan unless the visit to Japan also is undertaken by the Commission on ordinary passports.

4. This Ministry will assist the Commission in making logistics arrangements in Taipei. However, it will **not** be in a position to make any payments on behalf of the Commission in Taipei. Payment for all services in Taipei, including hotel accommodation and transportation, will need to be made directly by the Commission itself. Approximate expenditure in

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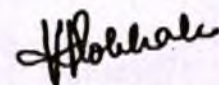
Taipei on the basis of requirements projected by the Commission is annexed.

5. This Ministry will also assist the Commission in obtaining the necessary "visa" for Taiwan. The "visa" will be affixed on the ordinary passports which will need to be made in Kolkata.

6. Despite the Ministry's best efforts, so far no living witness has been located in Taiwan. The Ministry has no information whether the site of the alleged plane crash and other sites associated with Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose are accessible. It would be advisable if the Commission could provide a list of likely sites that they intend to visit to enable this Ministry to first ascertain whether these sites still exist in their original form and whether these will be accessible to the Commission.

7. The Home Ministry may like to advise the Commission appropriately in the light of the above, including on the advisability of combining the visits to Japan and Taipei. It would be advisable if the Commission could be requested to send this Ministry more details of its programme and site visits in Taipei, so that these can first be checked out, before a final decision is taken on the timing and duration of the Commission's visit to Taiwan.

Yours sincerely,



(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Akhil Jain
Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Room No. 193 A-1
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Annexure

Estimated expenditure in Taipei

1. Charges for transport from airport to hotel: US\$ 42
2. Hotel tariff per person per night (including 10% service charge and ABF) : US\$ 260
3. Car hiring charges for first three hours (within city): US\$ 42
4. Car hiring charges for every additional hour : US\$ 11
5. Charges for hiring an interpreter per hour: US\$ 21
6. Charges for a professional photographer for one day: US\$ 248

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JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY
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No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/
70/265

August 16, 2002

The Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
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Sub: Visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan
(Taipei).

Ref: Commission's letter nos. JMCI/Overseas Witness/
2000-01/70/24 dt. 6.8.02, 245(1) dt. 6.8.02,
247 dt. 7.8.02, 288 dt. 7.9.01 and 241 dt. 2.8.02.

Sir,

I am to request you to refer to the above. Tentative programme of the Commission's visit to Japan and Taiwan has been sent to all the deponents numbering more than 60 who have filed affidavits before the Commission and are participating in the hearing of the Commission. More than one of those deponents is likely to go to Japan and Taipei to attend the sitting and inspection of the Commission at those places. They have informed that they are making necessary preparations on the basis of the programme sent to them.

I am directed to request you to kindly communicate necessary approval, financial sanction and political clearance of the Government to the Commission as early as possible. Needless to say, this matter brooks no delay.

This may kindly be treated as urgent.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/
70/265/1(2) dt. 16.8.2002

Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to :-

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- (2) Sri Mukesh Mittal, Deputy Secretary (IS-I), Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, North Block, New Delhi-110001.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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FAX MESSAGE

TO: ITA Council. (91-11-3792124)

FROM: India Taipei Association, Taipei

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SHRI VIJAY GOKHALE FROM DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL

Reference your fax of 12.8.2002 regarding the visit of two member team to Taipei with reference to the alleged disappearance of Netaji.

The estimated expenditure on the above visit is as follows:

1. Charges for Airport pick up : NT\$1200 \$ 35.48
2. Hotel tariff for two Grand Club Guest rooms per night (including 10% service charge and ABF): NT\$ 14,630 (Grand Hyatt, Taipei) \$ 432.58
3. Car hiring charges for first three hours (within city): NT\$1200 \$ 35.48
4. Car hiring charges for every additional hour : NT\$300 \$ 8.87
5. Charges for hiring an interpreter per hour : NT\$600 (Note:1) \$ 17.74
6. Charges for Airport drop off : NT\$1000 \$ 29.57
7. Charges for a professional photographer for one day : NT\$7000 \$ 206.98

(Note : 1 : The interpreter will be able to type on a computer machine as well but the same will have to be provided to him. The charges will remain the same , i.e., NT\$600/hour)

The existing rate of exchange is US\$1 = NT\$ 33.82.

Kindly let us know the specific requests at the earliest so that appropriate permissions, if required may be taken.

Regards,

Date: 14.8.2002

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Deputy Director General

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/255

August 12, 2002

Dear *Gokhale,*

This is in continuation of the correspondence regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan (Taipei). It is learnt that necessary Visa for Taiwan is issued from New Delhi and that there is no Consular Office or Representatives of the Government of Taiwan in Kolkata. I am to request you to kindly help the Commission get the Visas issued in favour of the members of the team of Commission for the proposed visit to Taiwan.

It will be highly appreciated if the necessary formalities and procedure to be followed for getting the Visas are intimated to the Commission as early as possible. If necessary, I or some other officer of the Commission may go to Delhi and meet you for the purpose.

An early reply will be highly appreciated.

Warm regards,

Yours *sincerely,*
P. K. Sengupta
 (P.K. Sengupta)
 Secretary

Shri Vijay Gokhale
 Joint Director (CNV)
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 New Delhi-110001

D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/ 255/1(2)

August 12, 2002

Copy forwarded to:

- i. The Joint Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), North Block, New Delhi – 110 001
- ii. Shri Mukesh Mittal, Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), North Block, New Delhi 110 001
 - for information and necessary action.

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MOST IMMEDIATE
Reminder

No.25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII (Part)
NGO Section

SM(16)

This has reference to our note of 16th July, 2002 forwarding copies of PMO's letter dated 12.7.02 and Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry's letter of 21.6.02 regarding three files of EA Division - No.C/551/7/92-JP, C/551/7/92(KW) and C/551/14/90-JP. While the last two files have been found in this Section (these were transferred to us vide EA Division's note of 7.12.2000- Dy.No.S-470/EA2/2000 dated 8.12.2000), file No. C/551/7/92-JP on disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose is not available with us, nor is there any record of it being transferred to us.

It is, therefore, requested, that this file may be immediately sent to this Section since copies of all the three aforesaid files have to be sent to the Justice Mukherjee Commission.

S. Mitra

(Sandip Mitra)
Under Secretary(NGO)

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S. Mitra
16/8/02



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Fax Message

From Foreign New Delhi

To Indembassy Tokyo

Shri Biren Nanda, DCM from Vijay Gokhale, Joint Secretary (CNV)

This has reference to the correspondence relating to the proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry to Japan.

The Commission has now sent a tentative itinerary of the proposed visit (copy enclosed). The team of the Commission will comprise the Chairman, Mr. Justice M.K.Mukherjee, and the Secretary of the Commission, Mr. P.K.Sengupta. Hotel accommodation will have to be booked for them as per the enclosed itinerary. In addition, the Mission may make the following arrangements.

1. A senior officer of the Mission may be earmarked as the Liaison officer for the Commission.
2. A stenographer may be spared for recording the examination of the one witness who has agreed to formally depose before the Commission. Since there is only one witness to be examined, it is presumed that sparing a stenographer of the Mission will not be a problem.
3. An interpreter is required to be hired for the duration of the visit.
4. Arrangements for video recording of the informal meeting with the persons who have agreed to meet the Commission at the Renkoji Temple and also facility for taking photographs at the Renkoji Temple.
5. Provision of a hall/room in the Chancery for the formal deposition of the witness. Alternatively, if this is not possible, hiring of a room in a hotel for the said purpose.
6. Hiring of a car for the duration of the visit.
7. Provision of tape-recorder for the hearing of the Commission.

As already indicated, the programme of the Commission is only tentative. In case the final itinerary is altered and changes in logistics are necessitated, we will let you know.

No. 25/4/NGO. Vol.VIII

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
13.08.2002

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated August 13, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This has reference to your letters No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/114, 124, 125 and 209 dated 13.6.02, 17.6.02 and 22.7.02, respectively.

It is observed that the underlying theme of all the above mentioned letters of the Commission is about the presence of documents in the Russian archives relating to the stay of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in the former Soviet Union in 1945 and subsequent years, as mentioned in various letters of Shri Samar Guha, former M.P., and the outcome of the efforts made by the Government of India to get the response of the Russian Government on this issue. In view of this, we are not separately replying to each of the Commission's above mentioned letters.

I would like to mention here that the issue of the presence of documents pertaining to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has been taken up with the Russian Foreign Office through our Mission in Moscow more than once. In July, 1995, the then Ambassador of India in Russia, Shri R.Sen, had personally taken up with the Russian Foreign Office the question of examination of all materials to finally determine whether Netaji had entered or stayed in the territory of the former Soviet Union in 1945 and in subsequent years. The responses received from the Foreign Office in this connection are enclosed for your perusal.

Regarding the CCPA's decision of 1991, as mentioned in your letter of 17.6.02, forwarded herewith is a copy of the letter of 4.4.91 from Ministry of Home Affairs conveying the decision of the CCPA.

The Commission has also desired to have copies of the 'secret documents' referred to in Shri Samar Guha's letter of 26.2.91 addressed to Shri Devi Lal, the then Deputy PM. As far as the availability of such documents in various countries like Russia, USA and U.K. is concerned, the Commission is already aware of the position through our previous correspondence in the matter. The only documents which were received from Russia have been forwarded to the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
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Kolkata 700 087

Encls: as above

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Fax

From: ITA Council, New Delhi

To : ITA Taipei [Fax No.00-886-2- 27576117]

Ranjit Gupta, Director General from Vijay Gokhale

Reference: correspondence regarding inquiry into alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chander Bose.

2. We have been informed that a two-member team led by Justice Mukherjee intends to visit Taipei from Thursday 19 September until Tuesday 24 September 2002.
3. It has been decided that ITA will make necessary logistical arrangements for this visit. No member of ITA will, however, be associated in any manner with the team during their visit to Taipei. No payments are to be made by ITA.
4. You may tentatively make hotel bookings for two persons for the period 19-24 September 2002. The Commission team will also require transport arrangements (1 car), the services of an interpreter and a typist during their period of stay, and a photographer to accompany them to the site of the alleged plane crash and other relevant places. Kindly indicate costs in each case, so that the team can be advised to carry funds appropriately for payment purposes.
5. The team will require to visit the site of the alleged plane crash at Taipei airport, the location of the Japanese Military Field Hospital and other relevant places. You may be required to obtain appropriate permissions in advance. We will let you know their specific requests in due course.

Vijay Gokhale
(Vijay Gokhale)
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From: ITA Council, New Delhi

To : ITA Taipei

Ranjit Gupta, Director General from Nalin Surie

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(Nalin Surie)



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D.O. NO.25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII

9th August 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/70/245 dated 6 August 2002 regarding your proposed visit to Japan and Taiwan.

2. We are writing to our Embassy in Tokyo to make the necessary arrangements for your visit, and will revert after their response is received.
3. With respect to Taiwan, you would be aware that Government of India does not recognize Taiwan and has no diplomatic or official relations with Taiwan. We are looking into the manner and extent to which Government can facilitate your visit to Taipei.

This may be treated as an interim reply. After the matter has been considered a separate communication will follow.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K. Sengupta
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D.O. NO.25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII

9th August 2002

Dear Smt. Gairola,

Please refer to letter No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/70/244 dated 6 August 2002 regarding the proposed visit to Japan and Taiwan of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. We are writing to our Embassy in Tokyo to make the necessary arrangements for their visit, and will revert after they have responded on the arrangements that they are able to make, so that Ministry of Home Affairs may issue the appropriate sanction.

3. With respect to Taiwan, you would be aware that Government of India does not recognize Taiwan and has no diplomatic or official relations with Taiwan. If the Commission feels that its mission will not be complete without such a visit, it may proceed but this Ministry may be limited in its ability to facilitate the visit.

4. This may be treated as an interim reply. A separate communication will follow after the matter has been duly considered in this Ministry at the appropriate level. Ministry of Home Affairs may kindly await this communication before taking further action.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Smt. Sangeeta Gairola
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs
North Block,
New Delhi.



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)

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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/ 248

August 07, 2002

Dear *Sri Gokhale,*

This is in continuation of my d.o. letter dated 06.08.2002 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan (Taipei). I would request you to kindly read the flights of the Air India from Kolkata to Mumbai and Mumbai to Narita as AI353 and AI306 respectively. Similarly, the no. of the flight from Narita to Mumbai may be read as AI307. A copy of the corrected tentative programme is enclosed.

I am further to inform you that, as intimated earlier, the logistic support required includes interpreters at Japan and Taiwan.

Warm regards,

Yours *Sincerely,*

P.K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Joint Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
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No. JMC/OVERSEAS WITNESSES/2000-01/70/243

Kolkata, dated, August 06, 2002

**Proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
to Japan and Taipei (Taiwan)****Tentative Programme**

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| 12.09.2002 | Thursday | Leaving Kolkata by AI353 at 22.15 Hrs. for Mumbai. |
| 13.09.2002 | Friday | Leaving Mumbai for Narita by AI306 at 14.45 Hrs. |
| 14.09.2002 | Saturday | To visit Renkoji Temple. |
| 15.09.2002 | Sunday | To visit other relevant places. |
| 16.09.2002 to 18.09.2002 | Monday to Wednesday | Sitting, examination of the witnesses, Dr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi, and other witnesses, if any. To meet the local persons at Renkoji Temple who are reportedly not willing to depose formally as witnesses but willing to meet the Commission. |
| 19.09.2002 | Thursday | Leaving Japan for Taipei – 9.05 / 10 Hrs. Arrival at Chiang-Kai-Shek International Airport at 11.30 / 12.25 Hrs. |
| 20.09.2002 to 23.09.2002 | Friday to Monday | To visit Taipei Airport, the site of the alleged plane crash, and other relevant places, examination of witnesses, if available and to meet the local people who may like to meet the Commission. |
| 24.09.2002 | Tuesday | Leaving for Narita Airport – Halt at Tokyo. |
| 25.09.2002 | Wednesday | Leaving Narita for Mumbai by AI307 at 12.00 Hrs. |

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
 (Former Principal Secretary
 to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
Secretary

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D.O. No. JMCI/ Overseas Witness/2000-01
 /70/245

August 6, 2002

Dear *Shri Goxhale,*

I am to request you to refer to your d.o. letter
 no. 25/4/NGO- Vol.VIII dt. 16.7.02 regarding the proposed
 visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan and to send
 herewith a copy of the tentative tour programme of the
 Commission.

I am to request you to kindly arrange to make all
 necessary arrangements for accommodation, transport etc. for
 the team of the Commission which shall comprise of the
 Hon'ble Chairman Mr. Justice M.K. Mukherjee and the Secretary
 of the Commission Mr. P.K. Sengupta.

Besides accommodation, transport etc., the Commission
 may require the following :-

- 1) A stenographer/steno-typist from Indian Embassy
 in Japan for recording the examination of the
 witness. As there may be only one witness to be
 examined in Japan, it is felt that unnecessary
 expenditure should not be incurred by taking a
 stenographer from here to Japan.
- 2) Arrangements for video recording of the informal
 meeting with the persons who have agreed to meet
 the Commission at Renkoji Temple in Japan and
 also of the persons who may meet the Commission
 at Taipei in Taiwan.
- 3) Arrangements for taking photographs at Renkoji
 Temple and the sites of the alleged plane crash
 at Taipei airport and other relevant places.

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Indian Embassy in Japan and the representative of the Government of India in Taiwan may kindly be requested to make the aforesaid arrangements so that the Commission do not have to face any inconvenience.

An early reply in confirmation will be highly appreciated.

Warm regards,

Yours sincerely,
P. K. Sengupta

Mr. Vijay Gokhale
Joint Director (CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India, South Block
New Delhi-110001.

No. JMC/Overseas Witness/2000-01 /
70/245(1) dt. 6.8.02.

Copy forwarded to the Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of Home Affairs (IS), North Block, New Delhi-110001 for information and necessary action.

In this connection notice is invited to the letter no. JMC/ PF/Secy./99-2000/241 dt. 2.8.02, a copy whereof is enclosed for ready reference.

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

JUSTICE MUKHERJEE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY **Phone:**

FOR INQUIRY INTO THE ALLEGED DISAPPEARANCE OF

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No. JMCI/OVERSEAS WITNESSES/2000-01/70/243 Kolkata, dated, August 06, 2002

**Proposed visit of Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
to Japan and Taipei (Taiwan)****Tentative Programme**

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| 12.09.2002 | Thursday | Leaving Kolkata by A 1353 at 22.15 Hrs. for Mumbai. |
| 13.09.2002 | Friday | Leaving Mumbai for Narita by A 1306 at 14.45 Hrs. |
| 14.09.2002 | Saturday | To visit Renkoji Temple. |
| 15.09.2002 | Sunday | To visit other relevant places. |
| 16.09.2002 to 18.09.2002 | Monday to Wednesday | Sitting, examination of the witnesses, Dr. Yoshimi Taneyoshi, and other witnesses, if any. To meet the local persons at Renkoji Temple who are reportedly not willing to depose formally as witnesses but willing to meet the Commission. |
| 19.09.2002 | Thursday | Leaving Japan for Taipei – 9.05 / 10 Hrs. Arrival at Chiang-Kai-Shek International Airport at 11.30 / 12.25 Hrs. |
| 20.09.2002 to 23.09.2002 | Friday to Monday | To visit Taipei Airport, the site of the alleged plane crash, and other relevant places, examination of witnesses, if available and to meet the local people who may like to meet the Commission. |
| 24.09.2002 | Tuesday | Leaving for Narita Airport – Halt at Tokyo. |
| 25.09.2002 | Wednesday | Leaving Narita for Mumbai by A 1307 at 12.00 Hrs. |

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/
70/244

August 6, 2002

To
The Joint Secretary (IS)
Ministry of Home Affairs
Government of India
North Block
New Delhi-110001.

Sub: Proposed visit of the Justice Mukherjee
Commission of Inquiry to Japan and Taiwan
(Taipei).

Sir,

Enclosed please find a copy of the tentative tour
programme of the Commission for its proposed visit to Japan
and Taiwan (Taipei) for information and necessary action.

I am to request you to kindly move the Govt. for appro-
val of the tour, financial sanction and political clearance and
communicate the necessary order to the Commission as early as
possible to enable it to make necessary arrangements for the
proposed visit to Japan & Taiwan.

This may be treated as extremely urgent.

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
(P.K.Sengupta)
Secretary

No. JMCI/Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/
244/1 dt. 6.8.02.

✓ Copy forwarded to Mr. Vijoy Gokhale, Joint Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi-110001
for information.

(Signature)
(P.K.Sengupta)
Secretary



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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary (CNV)
Tel. 301 1357

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D.O. NO.25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII

9th August 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer to your letter No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/70/245 dated 6 August 2002 regarding your proposed visit to Japan and Taiwan.

2. We are writing to our Embassy in Tokyo to make the necessary arrangements for your visit, and will revert after their response is received.
3. With respect to Taiwan, you would be aware that Government of India does not recognize Taiwan and has no diplomatic or official relations with Taiwan. We are looking into the manner and extent to which Government can facilitate your visit to Taipei.

This may be treated as an interim reply. After the matter has been considered a separate communication will follow.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary,
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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D.O. NO.25/4/NGO-Vol. VIII

9th August 2002

Dear Smt. Gairola,

Please refer to letter No.JMCI/Overseas Witnesses/2000-01/70/244 dated 6 August 2002 regarding the proposed visit to Japan and Taiwan of the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

2. We are writing to our Embassy in Tokyo to make the necessary arrangements for their visit, and will revert after they have responded on the arrangements that they are able to make, so that Ministry of Home Affairs may issue the appropriate sanction.

3. With respect to Taiwan, you would be aware that Government of India does not recognize Taiwan and has no diplomatic or official relations with Taiwan. If the Commission feels that its mission will not be complete without such a visit, it may proceed but this Ministry may be limited in its ability to facilitate the visit.

4. This may be treated as an interim reply. A separate communication will follow after the matter has been duly considered in this Ministry at the appropriate level. Ministry of Home Affairs may kindly await this communication before taking further action.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Smt. Sangeeta Gairola
Joint Secretary (IS),
Ministry of Home Affairs
North Block,
New Delhi.



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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated August 6, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

This is in continuation of my letter of even number dated 16th July, 2002 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan.

I would like to inform you that despite all efforts, it has not been possible to trace the witnesses in Taiwan on the basis of the information received from the Commission. Any further attempt to trace these witnesses, if alive, can be made only if more details about them could be furnished by the Commission.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta (Fax : 033- 2522765)
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
'B' Block, (Third Floor),
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated August 6, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

S.No. 24/c

Please refer your letter No. JMCI/DOC/(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/193 dated 19.7.02.

While the Commission has enclosed a copy of its letter No. JMCI/DOC/(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/123 dated 17.6.02, the copy of Prime Minister's Office' reply No. 915/II/C/2/2002-Pol dated 8.7.02 has not been received by us.

We will be grateful if a copy of the PMO's letter is sent to us to enable us take further action in the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/208. Kolkata, dated, 22nd July '2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/124 dated June 17, 2002 (xerox copy enclosed) and to request you to kindly report immediately the outcome of the inquiries made by the Soviet authorities in the matters contained in the letters from Shri Samar Guha as referred to in the Commission's aforesaid letter dated June 17, 2002 and to kindly send an authenticated xerox copy of the report of the Soviet authorities in the matter.

I am further directed to request you to kindly send immediately an authenticated xerox copy of the C.C.P.A's decision in March, 1991 as referred to in the last para of the aforesaid letter of the Commission.

Encl : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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June 17, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the note dated 26.03.1992 of Shri Alok Prasad appearing on notesheet page 2 of the Confidential File No.870/11/P/16/92-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office (copy enclosed) wherein it is stated inter alia : "Soviet Foreign Office had received letters from Shri Samar Guha regarding documents stated to be in their possession and that they were making inquiries in the matter".

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly report the outcome of the inquiries made by the Soviet authorities and send an authenticated xerox copy of their report in the matter.

I am further directed to request you to send an authenticated xerox copy of the C.C.P.A.'s decision in March, 1991 as referred to at Serial (4) of the said note of Shri Alok Prasad.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclosure: As stated above.

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NO. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/210. Kolkata, dated, 22nd July'2002.

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/125 dated June 17, 2002 (xerox copy enclosed) sent to you by Registered Post and to request you to kindly send immediately authenticated true copies of the secret documents as also of the report showing the outcome of the high-level investigation into the said secret documents on the disappearance of the Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose as referred to in the Commission's aforesaid letter dated June 17, 2002.

Encl : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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June 17, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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S i r,

I am directed to refer to the d.o. letter dated March 26, 1991 of Shri Digbijay Singh, Deputy Minister for External Affairs, Government of India, addressed to Prof. Samar Guha (copy enclosed) appearing at cor. page 44 of the Confidential File No.870/11/P/16/92-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office, which contains inter alia states that the Ministry of External Affairs had already initiated follow up action with regard to high-level investigation into the secret documents on the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and that the Ministry of External Affairs would keep Prof. Samar Guha informed of any further developments.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly send immediately authenticated true copies of the said secret documents as also of the report showing the outcome of the said high-level investigation into the said secret documents on the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/211. Kolkata, dated, 22nd July'2002.

From : Shri P. K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the Commission's letter
No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/114 dated June 13, 2002
addressed to you (xerox copy enclosed) and to request you
to kindly send immediately the report as called for in the
first para of the said letter dated 13.06.2002 of the
Commission.

I am also directed to request you to kindly report
to the Commission immediately the result of the inquiries
by the Soviet Government as referred to in last para of
the aforesaid letter of the Commission.

Encl : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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June 13, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
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New Delhi-110001.

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S i r,

I am directed to draw your attention to notesheet page 3 (copy enclosed) of Secret File No.370/11/P/17/90-pol. of the Prime Minister's Office wherein it is stated, inter alia, that the letter from Shri Samar Guha, M. P. regarding disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was acknowledged and taken up with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the matter was being followed up. I am, therefore, directed to request you to report to the Commission immediately the outcome of the said follow up action.

I am further directed to draw your attention to cor.page 37 of the aforesaid file of the Prime Minister's Office (copy enclosed) purporting to be a copy of the note dated 03.03.1990 of Shri Nambiar, Joint Secretary (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, sent to the Director (MS), Prime Minister's Office, which states, inter alia, : "The Soviets have confirmed that the documents sent earlier by Shri Samar Guha were in the possession of the Soviet Government and they were making inquiries in the matter" and to request you to report to the Commission immediately the result of the said inquiries of the Soviet Government.

Enclosures : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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NO. JMCI/MEETING-HEARING/99-2000/57(II)/139(68))

Kolkata, dated, June 21, 2002

From :

Shri M. Roy, IAS (Retd.)

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To

Shri Jayant Prasad

Joint Secretary (CNV),

Ministry of External Affairs,

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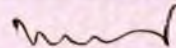
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Dear Sir,

I am directed to inform you that the next sitting of the Commission will be held on the 16th day of July 2002 and if need be, on July 17, 2002 starting at 11.00 O'clock in the forenoon at the lounge of the Circuit House at Jalpaiguri, when the Commission, besides transacting other business, is likely to examine the following witnesses : -

1. Shri Bikash Chandra Guha, residing at Maynaguri, Dist. Jalpaiguri
2. Shri Lalit Mohan Chowdhuri, residing at Maynaguri, Dist. Jalpaiguri
3. Shri Sudhangsu Kumar Poddar, residing at Maynaguri, Dist. Jalpaiguri
4. Shri Sudhir Kumar Poddar, residing at Maynaguri, Dist. Jalpaiguri
5. Shri Nikhil Chandra Ghatak, Sr. Advocate, Jalpaiguri Court
6. Shri Sujit Biswas, East Arabinda Nagar, P.O. Jalpaiguri

Yours faithfully,



(M. Roy)

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No. JMCI/Meeting-Hearing/99-2000/57(II)/139(68)/1(2)

Kolkata, dated, June 21, 2002

Copy forwarded to :

1. Mr. Tarakeswar Pal, Learned Senior Counsel, Government of India, 33, Asoke Avenue, Kolkata 700040.
2. Ms. Abha (Datta) Roy, Learned Counsel for the Govt. of West Bengal; F-4, Cluster XI, Purbachal Housing, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700091

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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to send herewith xerox copies of Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/115 dated June 13, 2002 and Prime Minister Office's letter No.915-II/C/2/2000-Pol. dated 04.07.2002 and to request you to kindly report to the Commission immediately the outcome of the follow up action taken by the Ministry of External Affairs on the letter of Shri Samar Guha regarding Netaji's disappearance as called for in the Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/115 dated June 13, 2002 addressed to you.

Encl : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
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June 13, 2002

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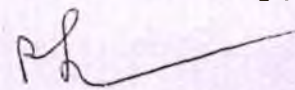
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S i r,

I am directed to draw your attention to notesheet page 3 (copy enclosed) of Secret File No.870/11/P/17/90-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office wherein it is stated, inter alia, that the letter from Shri Samar Guha, M.P. regarding disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was acknowledged and was taken up with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the matter was being followed up. I am, therefore, directed to request you to report to the Commission the outcome of the said follow up action.

Enclosure : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry
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Sir,

This has reference to Commission's letter No. JMCE/Doc
(For) (99-2000/56 (II)/115 dated 13.6.2002 enquiring about the
follow up action taken on Shri. Samar Guha's letter regarding
Netaji's disappearance received through the President.

Reply received from MEA (placed at S. No.11 (R)- page
40/C of the said file) was examined and PM was apprised of
the position that MEA would be dealing with the issue. In this
connection attention may be drawn to the Note on P-1&2/N of
the said file. It may be observed from the noting that MEA was
asked to take further follow up action on the issue raised in
Prof. Samar Guha's letter.

Yours faithfully,

Rk
4.7.02

[Renuka Kumar]
Director

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No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/125 Kolkata, dated, June 17, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary
Ministry of External Affairs
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S i r,

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I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly send immediately authenticated true copies of the said secret documents as also of the report showing the outcome of the said high-level investigation into the said secret documents on the disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclosure: As stated above.



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भारत
DEPUTY MINISTER
FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
INDIA

March 26, 1991

Dear Prof. Samar Guha

Kindly refer to your letter of 26th February, 1991 addressed to Shri Devi Lal concerning high level investigation into "secret documents" on the disappearance of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

2. I would like to assure you that this Ministry has already initiated follow-up action in this regard. We are awaiting results to our enquiries.

3. We shall keep you informed of any further developments.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(DIGVIJAY SINGH)

Prof. Samar Guha,
Ex-Member of Parliament,
8/2, Central Park,
CALCUTTA - 700032

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No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(11)/124 Kolkata, dated, June 17, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
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New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to refer to the note dated 26.03.1992 of Shri Alok Prosad appearing on notesheet page 2 of the Confidential File No.870/11/P/16/92-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office (copy enclosed) wherein it is stated inter alia : "Soviet Foreign Office had received letters from Shri Samar Guha regarding documents stated to be in their possession and that they were making inquiries in the matter".

I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly report the outcome of the inquiries made by the Soviet authorities and send an authenticated xerox copy of their report in the matter.

I am further directed to request you to send an authenticated xerox copy of the C.C.P.A.'s decision in March, 1991 as referred to at Serial (4) of the said note of Shri Alok Prosad.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclosure: As stated above.

For n.a. please.

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Reference query below.

The following are pertinent:

- (1) At the time of the second enquiry (Khosla Commission) in 1970, MEA through the Embassy in Moscow had approached the Soviet authorities for any documents relating to Netaji. No such documents were available.
- (2) Shri V.P. Singh had acknowledged Shri Samar Guha's letter on June 7, 1990 that he was asking MEA to look into the matter (Flag A). Thereafter, Shri Guha's further letters were routinely acknowledged (Flag B & C).
- (3) In August 1990, MEA informed that the Soviet Foreign Office had received letters from Shri Samar Guha regarding documents stated to be in their possession and that they were making enquiries in the matter. No further developments had taken place (Flag D).
- (4) After the CCPA's decision in March 1991, MEA was informed in April 1991 that no further action was required by MEA (Flag E). Therefore, there have been no further developments in this regard since the CCPA decision.

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Alok Prasad
(Alok Prasad)
26.3.92

PS TO PM

May kindly see, with reference to Shri Anurag Bhat's letter given to PM personally (Flag "X")

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SECY TO P.M.
15.4.92-15/4/92
30/3/92

P.V. Narayan
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P.L. Tiwari
It is for consideration whether a reply should go as in the DFA. (Reference remarks of P. V. Narayan Flag 'X') 21/6

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No. JMCI/ DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/114 Kolkata, dated, June 13, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to draw your attention to notesheet page 3 (copy enclosed) of Secret File No.870/11/P/17/90-pol. of the Prime Minister's Office wherein it is stated, inter alia, that the letter from Shri Samar Guha, M. P. regarding disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was acknowledged and taken up with the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India, and the matter was being followed up . I am, therefore, directed to request you to report to the Commission immediately the outcome of the said follow up action.

I am further directed to draw your attention to cor.page 37 of the aforesaid file of the Prime Minister's Office (copy enclosed) purporting to be a copy of the note dated 08.08.1990 of Shri Nambiar. Joint Secretary (EA), Ministry of External Affairs, sent to the Director (MS), Prime Minister's Office, which states, inter alia, : "The Soviets have confirmed that the documents sent earlier by Shri Samar Guha were in the possession of the Soviet Government and they were making inquiries in the matter" and to request you to report to the Commission immediately the result of the said inquiries of the Soviet Government.

Enclosures : As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Status of letters received from the President

15.5.90

Letter from Shri Samar Guha, MP regarding disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

870/11/P/17/90-Pol

Acknowledged. Taken up with MEA. Being followed-up.

Dear Mr may kindly see
and ensure that necessary
follow up action is taken

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So ~~TS~~

Dr. TS

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The reply which has been
placed on a letter file, currently
under submission to P.M. Please
submit O.R. and maintain
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Ministry of External Affairs

(East Asia Division)

Reference PMO UO Numbers dated 5th and 14th June as well as subsequent reminder dated 19th July, 1990 on the matter of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose.

2. The communication from Prof. Samar Guha including a letter written by him to Mr. Gorbachev in November 1988 was referred to our Embassy in Moscow who have made a demarche with the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union as well as the South Asia Directorate of the Soviet Foreign Office in the matter. The Soviets have confirmed that the documents sent earlier by Shri Samar Guha were in the possession of the Soviet Government and they were making enquiries in the matter.

3. In the circumstances, it would be apparent that no further developments in the matter have taken place.

4. The comments of the East Asia Division already sent in our earlier communications on the question of the ashes of Netaji Subash Chandra Bose, are perhaps already with PMO. A copy of a background brief in this regard is placed below.*

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V.K. Nambiar
(V.K. Nambiar)
Joint Secretary (EA)
8/8/1990

DIRECTOR (MS), PMO

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No. JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(IV)/193 Kolkata, dated, July 19, 2002

(24) (457)

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

Sir,

I am directed to send herewith a xerox copy of the letter No.915/II/C/2/2002-Pol dated July 8, 2002 of the Director, Prime Minister's Office, Government of India, which is in reply to the Commission's letter No.JMCI/DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/123 dated June 17, 2002 addressed to the Secretary, Prime Minister's Office (xerox copy enclosed) and to request you to kindly furnish answers immediately to the queries made in the Commission's aforesaid letter dated June 17, 2002.

Yours faithfully,

P.K. Sengupta

(P.K.Sengupta)
Secretary

Enclosures : As stated above.

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P.K. Sengupta

Please if there is
any action on our part.
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DOC(FOR)/99-2000/56(II)/123

June 17, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Prime Minister's Office,
Government of India
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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19/6/02

S i r,

I am directed to state that, on a study of the xerox copy of the Confidential File No.870/11/P/16/92-Pol. on the subject, "Disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose - p.p.s reg." of the Prime Minister's Office sent to the Commission, certain apparent anomalies were noticed. In view of this, I am directed to request you to kindly confirm that the xerox copy of the said Confidential file contains true and correct copies of all the notesheet pages and the cor.pages of the original file No.870/11/P/16/92-Pol. of the Prime Minister's Office.

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I am further directed to draw your attention to cor. pages 21 and 22 of the aforesaid file containing Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's purported messages dated December 26, 1945, January 1, 1946, and February 1946 which, as it prima facie appears, were broadcast after the alleged air-crash on August 18, 1945 and to state that the keeping of the aforesaid copies of the purported messages of Netaji in the said Confidential File of the Prime Minister's Office without any comment on or even any mention of any of those messages in the notesheets in the file tends to give rise to a presumption that the copies of the said purported messages have some authenticity or, at least, sanctity, which may justify the Commission's taking cognizance of the probative value of the messages.

Q2 I am, therefore, directed to request you to kindly

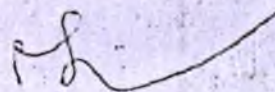
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Let the Commission know immediately :-

- (1)(a) Whether the Prime Minister's Office possesses originals of those messages ?
- (b) If so, what was/were the source/sources from which the original messages were obtained by the Prime Minister's Office.
- (c) If not, whether any inquiry was made by the Government of India about the source and authenticity of those messages ; and
- (2) What is the result of such inquiry ?

This may kindly be treated as urgent.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

(23) (460)

**MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
CNV DIVISION**

Subject: Judgement Order dated 4.3.87 delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.N. Bhargava of Rajasthan High Court relating to the inquiry into the circumstances of death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

S.22/c

This has reference to Ministry of Home Affairs' U.O. No. VI/11034/61/2002-IS(D.III) dated 19th July, 2002 on the subject mentioned above.

It is seen from the records in this Ministry that there is a barely legible copy of the judgement order of Rajasthan High Court which was forwarded to us vide MHA's D.O. No. 5293/JS(A)/93 dated 27.9.1993 (copy enclosed). Therefore, it is likely that a clearer copy of the said order would be available with MHA which could be forwarded to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

As regards the follow-up action required of this Ministry on the aforesaid letter of MHA and also their letter No. 1/27/91-Public dated 5.10.1993(copy enclosed), this Ministry's letter No. C/551/7/92-JP dated 8th October, 1993 (copy enclosed) is self-explanatory.

Vijay K. Gokhale
(Vijay K. Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)

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Shri M.S.Zuha, Desk Officer, Ministry of Home Affairs, North Block, New Delhi
MEA U.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII dated 26.7.2002

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Most Immediate
By Spl. Messenger

विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली-११

Dilip Lahiri
Joint Secretary (AP)

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI-110011

No. C/551/7/92-JP

October 8, 1993

Dear *Shri Iyer,*

Please refer to your letter no. 1/27/91-Public dt. 5.10.93 regarding the judgement dated 4th March, 1987 delivered by Hon'ble Shri Justice S.N. Bhargava of the High Court of Judicature, Rajasthan relating to the inquiry into the circumstances in which Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose died. The factual position is as follows:-

2. Subsequent to the judgement having been passed, it was brought to the notice of this Ministry that the petitioner had died. Coordination Division of this Ministry had, therefore, informed Shri Talekar, Counsel of the late petitioner that as the petitioner had passed away before the meeting with the MEA/Government of India representative could take place, no further action was called for on the part of the Government of India. Our Legal and Treaties Division had also opined inter-alia that since no evidence or documents of any kind were ever produced by Shri Nand Lal Sharma, the occasion to consider whether or not a fresh enquiry was required did not arise.

3. You are no doubt aware that the CCPA at its meeting on 27.2.91 had considered a note prepared by your Ministry on the dispute regarding the ashes of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose as also the controversy whether Netaji was dead or alive where the CCPA had approved the proposal that "no useful purpose would be served by holding yet another enquiry or bringing the ashes back to India at present as this might create unnecessary tensions."

Yours sincerely,

(Dilip Lahiri)

Shri M. Venkateswara Iyer,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
New Delhi

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MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
IS(D.III) DESK

(22) (462)

Subject: Judgement Order dated 4.3.87 delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.N. Bhargava of Rajasthan High Court relating to the inquiry into the circumstances of death of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Enclosed please find herewith a copy of letter No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/133 Kolkata dated 21.6.02.

Ministry of External Affairs may kindly confirm whether a copy of the affidavit filed in-opposition and judgement order on the subject referred to above is available with them. If so a copy thereof may kindly be furnished to this Ministry at the earliest so that Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry is apprised of.

This may kindly be treated as 'Most Urgent.'

May kindly see for necessary action
19/7

[Signature]
(M.S. ZUHA)
DESK OFFICER

JS(EA)

Joint Secretary (Coordination), Ministry of External Affairs, South Block, New Delhi

MHA UO No. VI/11034/61/2002-IS(D.III) dated 19.7.02

For you 16/7/02
JS(CM) 22/7
For n.a. pl. 28/7/02
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No. JMCI/ Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/Kolkata, dated, June 21, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta
Secretary

To : The Secretary
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to request you to send immediately a legible true copy of the Judgement dated 4th March, 1987 delivered by Hon'ble Mr. Justice S.N.Bhargava of the Rajasthan High Court relating to the inquiry into the circumstances in which Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose died as also to send a true copy of the affidavit-in-opposition filed by the Government of India before the Rajasthan High Court in that case as referred to in d.o.letter No.5293/JS(A)/93 dated September 27, 1993 of Shri M. Venkateswara Iyer, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, addressed to Shri Vijay Kumar, Joint Secretary (Co-ordination), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and d.o. letter No.1/27/91-Public dated October 5, 1993 of Shri Iyer, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs addressed to Shri Dilip Lahiri, Joint Secretary (AP), Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

Yours faithfully,

(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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July 23, 2002

To: ITA Council

From: Director General

S. 18/c

This has reference to your fax of 17th/18th July regarding witnesses in the Netaji Subhas case.

We have been forwarding requests from the Council to MOFA here and following up with telephone conversations and have sent their replies to you as and when received. There has been no reply so far in the context of the Council's fax of June 3. I have again reminded them. As indicated in an earlier message these people, if alive, would be very difficult to trace. MOFA is not at all confident in this regard.

Perhaps, a detailed self-contained paper could be given to TECC and followed up by personal explanations provided to TECC by non-official people involved with the investigations. That may just lead to a more meaningful result.

With warm regards,

Yours sincerely,

Ranjit Gupta

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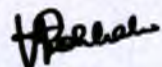
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

Subject: Treaty signed by the Govt. of India in 1971 regarding withdrawal of arrest and trial of War Criminals.

Enclosed herewith is a U.O. note from MHA on the above mentioned subject.

2. This Ministry is required to confirm whether any such treaty was signed/ratified by the Government of India in 1971 and, if so, details of the War Criminals of India for whose arrest and trial India signed the treaty are to be provided to the Justice Mukherjee Commission which is inquiring into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

3. In view of the above, L&T Division is requested to confirm the facts and provide the requisite information, if available.


(Vijay Gokhale)
Joint Secretary(CNV)
24.7.2002

Director(L&T)

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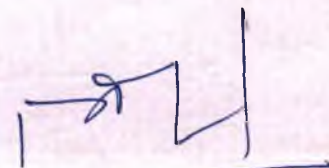
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Government of India
Ministry of Home Affairs

Subject: Treaty signed by the G/o India in 1971 regarding
withdrawal of arrest and trial of War Criminals.

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of letter
No.JMCI/Study(PMO) - Follow Up/2002-03/Kolkata, dated
27.6.02 received from Justice Mukherjee Commission of
Inquiry on the subject noted above.

2. Ministry of External Affairs is requested to kindly
confirm whether any treaty was signed/ratified by the
Government of India in 1971 by which the limitations of
time bar regarding arrest and trial of War Criminals was
withdrawn. If so, please furnish the details of the War
Criminals of India for whose arrest and trial India signed
the treaty in 1971 directly to Justice Mukherjee Commission
of Inquiry, on an urgent basis.



(MUKESH MITTAL)
DIRECTOR (IS-I)

Pl. spk with L&TDW, or
rather go across and
meet Mr (L&D).

22.7.02

M/o External Affairs (Shri Vijay Gokhale, Director(CNV),
South Block, New Delhi

US (NSD)

MHA's U.O.No.VI/11034/63/2002-IS(D.III) dt. 19.7.2002

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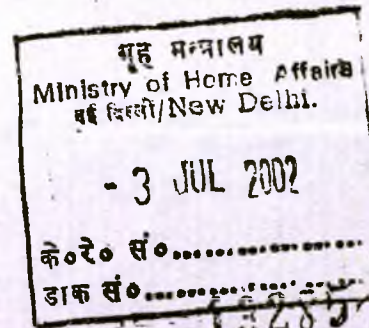
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NO. JMCI/Study(PMO) -Follow Up/2002-03/Kolkata, dated, 27th June' 2002.
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of Home Affairs,
Government of India,
North Block,
New Delhi-110001.



Sir,

I am directed to request you to kindly report immediately whether any treaty was signed/ratified by the Government of India in 1971 by which the limitation of time bar regarding arrest and trial of War Criminals was withdrawn and, if so, who were the War Criminals of India or of Indian origin or of the British India for whose arrest and trial India signed the treaty in 1971.

Yours faithfully,

(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Fax Message

From: ITA Council

To : India Taipei Association

Taipei (Fax No. 00-8862-27576117)

Shri Ranjit Gupta, Director-General from Nalin Surie

Subject: Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry

This is with reference to our fax of 3rd June, 2002 regarding the matter of tracing the twelve persons who had deposed before the Khosla Commission in Taiwan in 1973.

2. Grateful intimate if any of the desired information could be obtained. We are required to apprise the Commission of the latest position in the case since they are in the process of planning a visit to Taiwan.

Regards

Nalin Surie

(Nalin Surie)

17th July, 2002

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No.25/4/NGO- Vol.VIII(Part)
Ministry of External Affairs
NGO Section

With reference to their fax of 3rd June, 2002, addressed to Shri Ranjit Gupta, DG, ITA, seeking information on the whereabouts of probable witnesses in Taiwan whom the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry desire to examine, we may request East Asia Division to apprise us of the latest position in the case which is required to be communicated to the Commission.

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16/7/02

US(NGO)

S. Mitra
16/7/02

JS(encl) ~~16.7.2002~~

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Classification has been sought from
IA Div. vide note of 16/7/02.

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प्रधान मंत्री कार्यालय
PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE

(16) (47)

नई दिल्ली-110 011
New Delhi-110 011

Subject: Letter from Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry (JMCI) regarding files relating to Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

Please find enclosed a copy of letter dated 21.6.2002 received from the Commission.

According to our office record, the MEA files/folder referred to in JMCI's letter had been received in this office vide MEA (AP Division) note dated 8.10.1993 (copy enclosed) and these files/folder had been returned back to MEA on 14.10.1993. It may kindly be confirmed urgently whether these files/folder are with MEA so that the Commission may be informed suitably.

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[Renuka Kumar]
Director

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US (CNV)
Urgently, pl.
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15/7/02

MEA (Shri Vijay Gokhle – Joint Secretary(CNV))

PMO ID No. 915/11/C/2/2000-Pol

dated: 12.7.2002

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No. JMCI/Records/N.Delhi/99-2000/37(II)/ Kolkata, dated, June 21, 2002

From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
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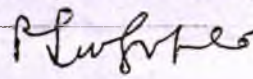
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South Block
New Delhi-110001.

S i r,

I am directed to draw your attention to cor.page 20 of Secret File No.870/11/P/10/93-Pol. Vol.I of the Prime Minister's Office which is a note dated 08.10.1993 of the Director (AP) of the Ministry of External Affairs (Asia Specific Division) sent to D.S.(s), Prime Minister's Office stating that File Nos.C/551/7/92-JP and C/551/14/90-JP (along with a folder bearing No.C/551/7/92-JP) regarding Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose were returned by the Ministry of External Affairs to the Prime Minister's Office along with the said note.

I am, therefore, directed to request you to send immediately to this Commission authenticated true copies of those files and of the contents of the aforesaid folder.

Yours faithfully,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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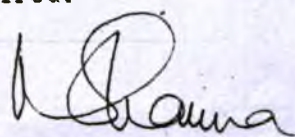
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(Asia Pacific Division)

Reference PMO UO Note No. 870/11/P/10/93-Pol dt.
8.10.93. Files no. C/551/7/92-JP & C/551/14/90-JP (alongwith a
folder bearing No. C/551/7/92-JP) regarding Netaji Subhash
Chandra Bose are returned herewith, as desired.



(Primrose R. Sharma)
Director (AP)
08.10.93

Ms. Sujata Mehta,
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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated July 16, 2002

Dear Shri Sengupta,

Please refer your letters No. JMCI/Overseas-witness/2000-01/70/181 & 182 dated 8.7.02 and 9.7.02, respectively, regarding proposed visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan.

As regards the proposed visit to Taiwan, efforts are still on to trace the probable witnesses. No definite information on their whereabouts has been received so far.

Regarding the requirements of the Commission in Japan, it is felt that these would be somewhat less, especially with respect to the requirements of space, from what was envisaged earlier, in view of the fact that only one witness has agreed to depose before the Commission, whereas nine others have only agreed to informally meet the Commission at the Renkoji Temple.

The Commission may please let us know the composition of the delegation and the likely duration of their stay in Japan so that appropriate arrangements could be kept in place.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Vijay Gokhale

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri P.K.Sengupta
Secretary
Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry,
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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated July 16, 2002

Dear Sir,

As you are aware, Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry is investigating into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and his alleged death in a plane crash in August, 1945.

Deponents before the Commission have claimed that in the archives of the Govt. of Vietnam there are documents and photographs indicating the presence of Netaji in Vietnam after the alleged plane crash. The Commission has desired that the Govt. of Vietnam be requested to make available to the Commission documents photographs, etc., if any, in their custody for the purpose of the inquiry of the Commission. It may kindly be impressed upon the Govt. of Vietnam that such documents, photographs, if any, will be of great help to the Commission in its inquiry to unravel the mystery shrouding the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

I would be grateful if necessary action is taken in this matter and the Ministry informed of the outcome thereof.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri Saurabh Kumar
Ambassador
Embassy of India
Hanoi



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NEW DELHI

Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O. No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VIII

Dated July 5, 2002

Dear Venkatesh,

The Justice Mukherjee Commission inquiring into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose has asked for the names and addresses of all Archives in Russia. The requisite information may please be sent to us at the earliest.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Vijay Gokhale)

Shri D.B.Venkatesh Varma
First Secretary(Pol)
Embassy of India
Moscow

Issued
8/7/02



Pradyot Kumar Sengupta,
(Former Principal Secretary
to the Government of West Bengal, Judicial Department)
Secretary

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D.O.No. JMCI/OVERSEAS WITNESS /
2000-01/70/182

July 9, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale,*

This is regarding the logistics that would be required during the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan. In this connection, a reference may be made to the Commission's letter no. Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/408 dt. 13.11.01 and the letter no. Overseas Witness/2000-01/70/181 dt. 8.7.02. In addition to the requirements mentioned in the Commission's above-quoted letter dt. 13.11.01, the Commission will also need the services of Interpreter during its proposed visit to Japan and Taiwan. I am to request you to kindly ensure that Interpreter is made available to the Commission during its visit to Japan and Taiwan.

An early reply in confirmation to this letter and the Commission's letter dt. 8.7.02 will be highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,
P. Sengupta

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To
Shri Vijay Gokhale
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi-110001.



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An early reply in confirmation to this letter and the Commission's letter dt. 8.7.02 will be highly appreciated.

Regard,

Yours sincerely,
Pradyot

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs
South Block
New Delhi-110001.

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Pradyot Kumar Sengupta ,
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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/181

July 08, 2002

Dear *Sri Gokhale*,

Sl. No. 155/c of Vol. VII

I am to request you to refer to your d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 14.06.2002 regarding the proposed visit of the Commission to Japan and Taiwan.

You have informed that, out of the list of witnesses supplied by the Commission, only one witness, Mr. Taneyoushi Yoshimi, has conveyed his willingness to depose before the Commission and that nine other witnesses in the list annexed to your said d.o. letter have expressed their willingness to interact informally with the Commission.

It may be recalled that the proposal of the Commission was to visit Japan and Taiwan, and not Japan only. But your d.o. letter dated 14.06.2002 is silent about the proposed visit to Taiwan. During the proposed visit to Taiwan the Commission desires to examine the witnesses, if any, available there and to inspect the site of the alleged plane crash. A list of the witnesses examined by the Khosla Commission at Taiwan was sent to your Ministry furnishing the particulars as available in plain typed copies of the depositions recorded by the Khosla Commission (vide the Commission's letter no. Overseas-witnesses/2000-01/70/28 dated 30.04.2001 addressed to Shri Jayant Prasad, Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV), Ministry of External Affairs). No reply to that letter has yet been received. This now stands in the way of drawing up itinerary of the Commission for the proposed visit to Japan and Taiwan.

I am, therefore, request you to kindly expedite the reply to the aforesaid letter dated 30.04.2001 of the Commission to enable the Commission to draw up its itinerary. I am further to state that the Commission desires to visit Japan and Taiwan in the month of September, 2002.

As regards the requirements of the Commission during the proposed visit to Japan and Taiwan, reference is invited to the Commission's letter no. Overseas-Witnesses/2000-01/74/408 dated 13.11.2001. In this letter details of the requirements of the Commission were clearly mentioned. In reply to this letter, it was suggested from your end that the Commission bring Stenographers and typewriters as it is difficult to get on hire stenographers and typewriters (vide d.o. letter no. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII dated 21.02.2002 of Smt. Narinder Chauhan, Director (CNV), Ministry of External Affairs). In view of this d.o. letter, it is presumed that the other requirements of the Commission as

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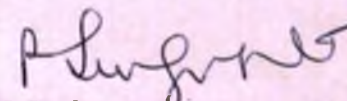
mentioned in the Commission's letter dated 13.11.2001, already referred to, will be met either by the Ministry of External Affairs or by the Embassy of the Govt. of India.

An early reply furnishing all the information will be highly appreciated. Itinerary of the Commission will be drawn up and communicated to you on receipt of your reply.

This may kindly be treated as extremely urgent.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.



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D.O. No. JMCI/Overseas-Witness/2000-01/70/180

July 08, 2002

Dear *Shri Gokhale*

I am to inform you that some of the deponents before the Commission claim that in the Archives of the Government of Vietnam there are relevant documents and photographs indicating presence of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in Vietnam after the alleged plane-crash on August 18, 1945.

I am, therefore, to request you to kindly take up this matter with the Government of Vietnam and request them [to make available to the Commission documents, photographs etc., if any, in their custody for the purpose of the inquiry of the Commission. It may kindly be impressed on the Government of Vietnam that such documents, photographs, if any, will be great help to the Commission in its inquiry to unravel the mystery shrouding the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.]

An early action in this regard will be highly appreciated.

With *Regards,*

Yours *Sincerely,*

P. K. Sengupta
(P.K. Sengupta)
Secretary

To
Shri Vijay Gokhale,
Director (CNV),
Ministry of External Affairs,
South Block,
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No. JMCI/Study(PMO)-Follow Up/2002-03/ Kolkata, dated, 21st June'2002.
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From : Shri P.K. Sengupta,
Secretary

To : The Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
New Delhi-110001.

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I am directed to request you to kindly send immediately a complete list of the names and addresses of all the Archives in Russia.

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Yours faithfully,

P. K. Sengupta
(P. K. Sengupta)
Secretary

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Vijay Gokhale
Joint Secretary(CNV)

D.O.No. 25/4/NGO-Vol.VII

Dated July 2, 2002

Dear Dr. Sarkar,

Please refer to your d.o. No. F.9-4/2001-R.III dated 8th August, 2001 regarding three files of this Ministry which have been requisitioned by the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry.

The competent authority in this Ministry has agreed to the declassification of the two files (Nos. 27-W/46 and 489-CJK/49) which were forwarded to this Ministry by the National Archives, and their submission to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry. We are, therefore, returning these two files to you for further appropriate action in the matter.

As regards the third file (No. 489(2)-CJK/49), we are still trying to locate it and will revert to you as soon as it becomes available.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


(Vijay Gokhale)

Dr. Sukumar Sarkar
Director General of Archives
National Archives of India
Janpath,
New Delhi

Encls: as above


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Please refer to Ministry of External Affairs's letter I.D.
No.C/551/40/2000- JP dated 27 August, 2001 regarding downgrad-
ing of two secret files. In this connection, the Xerox copies
of these two files nos.27-W/1746 & 489-CJK/49 Ministry of
External Affairs are being sent herewith for your consideration.
The decision taken by you may be informed to us at the earliest.

for Director General of Archives
Government of India.

M/s Neeta Bhushan, U.Secy.(JK), Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division) South Block, New Delhi-1

NAI F.No.9-4/2001-R.III dated-----

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

RM Section may kindly provide the following file which is required urgently for consideration of its downgrading/transferring to National Archives of India :-

File No. 489(2)- CJK/49 - Questions and Answers in the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislation) regarding protest against execution of Marshal Tojo and others in view of Justice Pal's judgement.

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(Neeta Bhushan)
US(JK)
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Section Officer (RM)

Ref: Above

Grateful if the above file could be sent to this Division urgently as this has to be forwarded to Justice Mukherjee Commission.

29/8/2001.

(नन्दन सिंह भसोड़ा)
(NANDAN SINGH BHAISORA)
अनुभाग अधिकारी (ज०के०)
Section Officer (JK)
विदेश विभाग, नई दिल्ली.
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi

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Ministry of External Affairs
(East Asia Division)

Please refer to National Archives of India's D.O. letter No.F.9-4/2001-R.III dated 8 August 2001 addressed to Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV) (copy enclosed).

2. The undersigned is directed to request that file at sl.no. (3) be provided to East Asia Division for our consideration on whether it would be suitable to downgrade this file and/or transfer it to National Archives of India.

N Bhushan
(Neeta Bhushan)
Under Secretary (JK)
27 August 2001

Director (CNV)

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Please check if this file is with us.

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File no. 489(2)-CJ/K/49 is not available in this Section.

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The file under reference is an East Asia Division file and is not in N60. US(JK) may kindly see.

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DR. SUKUMAR SARKAR
Director General of Archives
Government of India

25/11/2001 SPECIAL MESSENGER

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Dated the 8th August, 2001

D.O.No.F. 9-4/2001-R.III

Dear Shri Jayant,

Please recall our telephonic conversation regarding three files of Ministry of External Affairs namely -

1. F.No. 27-W/46--(Secret) - Indian representation on courts to try Far Eastern War Criminals.
2. F.No. 489-CJK/49--(Secret) - Justice Pal's judgement at the International Military Tribunal, TOKYO.
3. F.No. 489(2)-CJK/49(?)-Questions and Answers in the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislation) regarding protest against execution of Marshal Tojo and others in view of Justice Pal's judgement (Not transferred to National Archives of India).

In connection with the above, I shall appreciate if you please depute a senior officer to National Archives of India to go through the aforesaid files mentioned at Sr.No. 1 and 2 and take necessary action for downgrading both the files at an early date so as to enable us to supply copies of these files to the Justice Mukherjee Commission of Inquiry, set up by the Government of India to enquire into the alleged disappearance of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Since all the three files have to be placed before the Justice Mukherjee Commission, you are also requested to take urgent action to transfer the file mentioned at Sr.No. 3 above to National Archives of India for permanent preservation and use.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

Shri Jayant Prasad,
Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
South Block,
NEW DELHI.

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(East Asia Division)

Please refer to National Archives of India's D.O. letter No.F.9-4/2001-R.III dated 8 August 2001 addressed to Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV).

2. The undersigned is directed to request that files at sl.nos. (1) and (2) may be sent to this Ministry for our consideration regarding downgrading of these files.

Neeta Bhushan
(Neeta Bhushan)
Under Secretary (JK)
Tel: 301 2847
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**Dr. Sukumar Sarkar,
Director General of Archives,
National Archives of India,
Janpath, New Delhi 110 001.**

MEA I.D.No.C/551/10/2000-JP dated 27 August 2001.



DR. SUKUMAR SARKAR
Director General of Archives
Government of India

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Joint Secretary (AMS & CNV)
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
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Ministry of External Affairs
Policy Planning and Research Division
(Research Section)

Subject: Permission for access to the two Secret Files of
Ministry of External Affairs.

Enclosed please find copy of U.O. Note No.F.94/2001R.III
dated 26.07.2001 alongwith its enclosures received from
National Archives of India (NAI) on the above mentioned
subject.

It is requested tht your comments/views on the matter
may please be communicated to enable us to send a reply to the
NAI.

Krishan Chander
(Krishan Chander)
Section Officer(R)
03.08.2001

Under Secretary (JK),
South Block, MEA,
New Delhi.

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Subject:- Permission for access to the two Secret Files of Ministry of External Affairs.

Ministry of External Affairs may kindly see the enclosed copy of the application of Hon'ble Minister Sh. Arun Shourie, Minister of State for Planning and Programme Implementation. He has sought permission to Consult the two files of Ministry of External Affairs which are marked as 'Secret' for a Research Scholar, as mentioned below:-

1. F.No.27-W/1946 (Secret) External Affairs Department "Indian representation on Courts to try for Eastern War criminals".
2. F.No.489-CJK/1949 (Secret) Ministry of External Affairs & CR, "Justica Paul's Judgement at the International Military Tribunal, Tokyo".

In View of the letter of Hon'ble Minister, Ministry of External Affairs may kindly convey their decision regarding the permission for access to these files, to this Department at the earliest so that Sh. Shourie may kindly be informed accordingly.

P. Prad

Asstt. Director of Archives,
Government of India. (Recd.)

Sh. Krishan Chandra, S.O. (Research), PP & R Division, Ministry of External Affairs, ISIL Building, Bhagwan Dass Road, New Delhi.

N.A.I. U.O. No.F.9-4/2001-R.III, Dated. 26 JUL 2001.

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Mr. Prad
27/07/01*

July 18, 2001

Dear Mr. Sarkin,

A Research Scholar needs access to study the following three files:

- ✓ 1. 1946 F No. 27.W/46
Correspondence with War Deptt and the Chief Justice of India and Chief Justices of High Court of Madras, Bombay, Calcutta and Lahore regarding nomination of Government of India of Judge to the International Military Tribunal in Tokyo
- ✓ 2. 1949 F No. 489 - CJK ✓
Justice Paul judgment at the International Military Tribunal Tokyo.
- 5 3. 1949 F. No. 489(2) - CJK
Questions and Answers in the Constituent Assembly of India (Legislation) regarding protest against execution of Marshal Tojo and others in view of Justice Paul's judgment

As these relate to decisions of the British Government, and as they relate to the setting up of the International Military Tribunal in Tokyo, I presume there will be no difficulty in giving access to these files.

With the very best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Arun Shourie)

Dr. S. Sarkar,
Director General,
National Archives of India,
New Delhi.
Fax: 3384127